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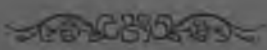
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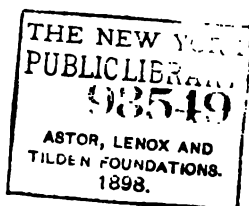




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Trinity Church. }

THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, with several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, assembled in Trinity Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Abraham N. Littlejohn, Rector of Christ Church, Springfield. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough, who read the Epistle. The annual Convention Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Charles Mason, Rector of Grace Church, Boston, from the text, 2 Corinthians, ii. chapter, 16, 17, verses, "*Who is sufficient for these things? For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God, speak we in Christ.*" After which a collection was made at the Offertory, in aid of the funds of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese. The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, and the Rev. Lewis Green.

The Congregation having retired, the Bishop took the Chair, and the list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention was then called, as follows, by the Secretary, the names of those not present being marked *in italics*.

The Rt. Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D.,			
The Rev. Ethan Allen,		The Rev. William Horton,	
"	Nathaniel G. Allen,	"	<i>Wm. A. Jenks,</i>
"	Henry S. Attwater,	"	T. R. Lambert,
"	Benjamin B. Babbit,	"	A. N. Littlejohn,
"	Samuel B. Babcock,	"	Charles Mason,
"	William R. Babcock,	"	George Packard,
"	Edward Ballard,	"	<i>Rolla O. Page,</i>
"	Alfred L. Baury, -	"	<i>F. W. Pollard,</i>
"	Nathaniel T. Bent,	"	Emery M. Porter,
"	John W. Birchmore,	"	George W. Porter,
"	<i>Silas Blaisdale,</i>	"	T. R. Pyncheon,
"	Henry Burroughs, Jr.,	"	Geo. M. Randall,
"	<i>Geo. T. Chapman, D.D.,</i>	"	<i>J. C. Richmond,</i>
"	<i>Moses B. Chase,</i>	"	John B. Richmond,
"	<i>Orange Clark, D.D.,</i>	"	John P. Robinson,
"	Joseph H. Clinch,	"	John H. Rouse,
"	William Croswell, D.D.,	"	Samuel B. Shaw,
"	Samuel Cutler,	"	E. F. Slafter,
"	Asa Eaton, D.D.,	"	Theo. W. Snow,
"	Theodore Edson, D.D.,	"	Moses P. Stickney,
"	<i>Daniel G. Estes,</i>	"	T. Strong, D.D.,
"	Thomas F. Fales,	"	A. H. Vinton, D.D.,
"	Justin Field,	"	<i>E. A. Washburn,</i>
"	Samuel Fuller, D.D.,	"	J. Wayland, D. D.,
"	<i>Frederick Freeman,</i>	"	E. M. P. Wells,
"	D. L. B. Goodwin,	"	John West,
"	Lewis Green,	"	George D. Wildes,
"	P. H. Greenleaf,	"	S. W. Willson,
"	Isaac W. Hallam,	"	Wm. Withington,
"	David G. Haskins,	"	William Willian,
"	Nicholas Hoppin,	"	John Woart.
"	Sanford J. Horton,		

The certificates of Lay Delegates were then presented and read by the Secretary, and the following names were called: the names of those not present during the session are printed *in italics*.

Trinity Church, Boston. George M. Dexter, Benjamin P. Richardson, Edward Blake.

Christ Church, Boston. Elias W. Goddard, *James Benjamin, Abel H. Coffin.*

St. Paul's Church, Boston. F. O. Watts, George M. Browne, Charles H. Parker.

Grace Church, Boston. George Allen, Robert M. Mason, John H. Welch.

Church of the Advent, Boston. Charles P. Gordon, Richard H. Dana, Jr., Peter Oliver.

Church of the Messiah, Boston. William B. Bradford, J. L. Whipple, *H. Jordan.*

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston. David Clapp, John T. Blackmore, Joseph G. Moody.

St. John's Church, East Boston.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea. S. C. Maine, *W. E. P. Haskell,* Samuel Cleland.

Christ Church, Cambridge. Luther Fbote, Nathan Fiske, James C. Merrill, Jr.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport. Isaac Lum, Abraham Edwards.

Grace Church, East Cambridge.

St. John's Church, Charlestown. Peter Hubbell, George N. Fisher, George B. Neal.

Grace Church, Medford. Nathaniel Tracy, George H. W. Bird.

St. Paul's Church, Brookline. Augustus Aspinwall, Eliakim Littell, Benjamin Howard.

Christ Church, Waltham. Israel Lombard, Henry Timmins, J. S. Copley Greene.

St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls. Isaac Hagar, Amos Warren, R. B. Blasdell.

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn. Edward S. Davis, James R. Newhall, J. F. Kimball.

St. Peter's Church, Salem. Joseph Adams, Benjamin P. Chamberlain.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport. Edward S. Rand, Edward S. Moseley, George T. Granger.

St. James's Church, Amesbury.

Christ Church, Andover. Marcus Morton, Jr., William P. Willett, Eastman Sanborn.

Grace Church, Lawrence. Daniel Saunders, Jr., Geo. W. Smith, Franklin Grant.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell. James S. Russel, Lloyd W. Hixon, Oliver E. Cushing.

St. Mary's Church, Dorchester. John P. Clapp, Charles Stimpson, James Jenkins.

St. James's Church, Roxbury. W. Raymond Lee, Francis Hilliard, Charles McBurney.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain. William H. Sumner, Edward N. Perkins, Samuel Eliot.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham. Ira Cleveland, John Bent, William Ames.

Christ Church, Quincy.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover. Lemuel C. Waterman, Josiah M. Smith, Atherton Tilden.

Christ Church, Plymouth. Nathan H. Holmes, Henry Mills, Charles Raymond.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater. John Edson, George Hooker, George L. Edson.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton. William A. Crocker, Lewis R. Chesborough, Caleb Bryant.

Grace Church, New Bedford. H. G. O. Colby, John Cushing, Edmund Rodman.

Christ Church, Swansea. John Mason, William Pearse, George Austin.

All Saints' Church, Worcester. H. K. Newcomb, E. F. Dixie, L. B. Nichols.

St. John's Church, Millville. Edward S. Hall, Lyman C. Curtis, William Perry.

Christ Church, Springfield. R. G. W. English, George W. Winchester, Erasmus D. Beach.

St. James's Church, Greenfield. R. E. Field, John J. Pierce, Charles Devens.

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough. Joel B. Sherman, Linden Butler, Seymour L. Mead.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield. Edward A. Newton, George S. Willis, Otis Peck.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

St. John's Church, Ashfield. Jonathan Sears.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville. Seth Hartwell, Gilbert Searle, James F. Cooper.

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.

St. John's Church, Northampton. Henry Bright, Edward Clark, S. L. Hinkley.

St. Paul's Church, Nantucket. Lewis H. Wendell, Charles H. Starbuck.

Grace Church, Chicopee.

St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.

Church of Ascension, Fall River. Edward J. Paine, Walter C. Durfee, George W. Fraprie.

Christ Church, Clappville. Charles Barnes.

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge. Jonathan E. Field, Daniel B. Fenn, Sylvester P. Burt.

Trinity Church, Vandeusenville. Eber Stone, Clark A. Wilcox.

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

Trinity Church, Lenox.

Trinity Church, Holyoke.

On motion,

Resolved, that Clergymen of this Church, not entitled to seats in this Convention, and candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to be present at its sittings.

Whereupon, the following appeared and took seats in the Convention :

The Rev. William S. Bartlet, Diocese of Massachusetts.

" Daniel Leach,	" "
" Albert C. Patterson,	" "
" John West,	" "
" Nathan W. Munroe,	" "
" Henry W. Adams,	" "
" Henry N. Hudson,	" New York.
" John L. Gay,	" W. New York.
" James Pratt,	" Maine.
" H. V. D. Johns, D. D.,	" Maryland.
" Benjamin Watson,	" Rhode Island.

Mr. John T. Burrill, Candidate for Orders, Massachusetts.

On motion,

Resolved, That the usual Committees be appointed by the Chair.

The Chair accordingly nominated the following :

Committee on Qualifications. Rev. Edward Ballard,
Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, Lewis R. Chesborough.

Committee on New Parishes. Rev. Theodore W. Snow,
Rev. Edmund F. Slafter, Francis Hilliard.

Committee on Finance. Rev. W. Croswell, D. D., Edward A. Newton, G. W. Winchester.

Executive Committee. Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D.,
Rev. George Packard, Rev. Abraham N. Littlejohn.

Committee on Unfinished Business. Rev. Charles Mason, Joseph G. Moody.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to the election of a Secretary.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of Secretary, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, that the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, the former Secretary, be re-elected.

The Secretary, by permission of the Convention, appointed the Rev. George D. Wildes, Assistant Secretary.

The Rev. Asa Eaton, D.D., having resigned his office of Treasurer of this Convention, in consequence of ill health, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, that the House now proceed to the election of a Treasurer.

On motion,

Resolved, that in the election of a Treasurer, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, that the Rev. David G. Haskins, be elected Treasurer of this Convention.

The Committee on Qualifications asked permission to retire, which, on motion, was granted.

On motion,

Resolved, that the Rules of Order adopted by the last Convention, be adopted for the government of the present Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, that the election of Standing Committee be made the order of the day, for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Asa Eaton, D.D., for his long and faithful services as Treasurer of this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, that when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to 4 o'clock, this P. M.

On motion,

Resolved, that the subject of the state of the Treasury of the Diocese, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion,

Resolved, that the House now adjourn.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the morning Session were read and approved.

The Committee on Qualifications made the following Report:

That all the Clergymen, whose names were read by the Secretary, are entitled to seats, except the following, who are not actually resident within the Diocese: Rev. Orange Clark, D.D., Rev. Rolla O. Page, and Rev. John West.

Also, that all the Lay-Delegates, whose certificates have been presented, are entitled to seats in this Convention.

A portion of the certificates do not mention that the delegates chosen are "stated worshippers in the parishes which they represent," as provided in the Form of Certificate authorized by vote of the Convention of 1849.

EDWARD BALLARD.

The Bishop then delivered the following

Address:

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:—

I proceed, according to canonical requirement, to present to you the series of my official acts since we last met together.

On Whitsunday, May 19, at an Ordination held in Trinity Church, Boston, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. E. F. Remington, and the Rev. John W. Birchmore, Deacons; the former being Rector of Grace Church, Chicopee, and the latter of St. John's,

Millville. The Rev. Messrs. Woart and Wildes united with me in the imposition of hands.

In the afternoon of the same day, I confirmed 8 in St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain. I have the pleasure of stating that, within the beautiful enclosure in which this church stands, a substantial and commodious parsonage has been built by the parish. They have also placed within their sanctuary a new organ of excellent tone, and of chaste external appearance.

On Wednesday and Thursday, June 19 and 20, I attended, in Hartford, Connecticut, the annual meeting of the Board of Missions; and also delivered one of the addresses at the missionary meeting held on this occasion, in Christ Church in that city.

In the following week I attended the annual meeting of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, held in the City of New York.

On Tuesday, July 16, I laid the corner-stone of St. John's Church, Millville. There were present, on this interesting occasion, besides a large number of other persons, the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, of this Diocese, the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, of the Diocese of Connecticut, and the Rev. Mr. Talbot, Rector of the neighboring parish of St. James's, Woonsocket, in the Diocese of Rhode Island.

On Wednesday, July 24, I had the satisfaction of consecrating to the service of God St. Paul's Church, in the Island of Nantucket. This edifice, designed by the Messrs. Billings, of Boston, and built at the small cost of \$1500, is at once convenient and beautiful, and is placed in one of the most desirable situations in the town. To meet the parishioners on this occasion, after the trials through which they had passed since the devastating conflagration which destroyed their former sanctuary, afforded me the sincerest joy. I regret that various causes prevented a more numerous attendance of the clergy of the Diocese, none of them being present except the Rev. Mr. Lambert. The church, however, was filled with a congregation deeply interested

in the services. Could those liberal persons, both in Boston and elsewhere, who contributed towards this object, have been present to witness the result of their benefactions, I am persuaded that they would not have repented of the gifts they have bestowed.

In the afternoon of the same day, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Lambert, 5 persons were presented for Confirmation by the Rector, the Rev. Ethan Allen, and received that apostolic rite.

On the Ninth Sunday after Trinity, July 28, I preached twice in Christ Church, Andover. The Rector of this parish, the Rev. Dr. Fuller, was absent at this time, and had been so for some weeks previously, on a journey for the recovery of his health. I am happy to say that the fears that were entertained in reference to his recovery have not been realized; and that he returned some time since, in an improved bodily condition, to the discharge of his duties.

On the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 1, I visited Christ Church, Clappville. Notwithstanding the apprehensions felt, a year since, for the interests of this parish, in consequence of the destructive fire in the village mentioned in my last Address, it has continued to enjoy the blessing of God, and the uninterrupted ministrations of the gospel. In the morning of this day I preached, and, in conjunction with the Rector, administered the Holy Communion; and in the afternoon confirmed 9 persons.

On Tuesday, September 3, I confirmed 1 in the afternoon in St. John's, Wilkinsons ville. The usual catechising of the children was prevented by the inclemency of the weather; which also rendered necessary the omission of a second service in the evening.

On the evening of Wednesday, September 4, I confirmed 8 in All Saints', Worcester.

On Friday, September 6, I preached in the morning and afternoon in St. Luke's, Lanesborough. I also delivered an address to the congregation immediately before the conclusion of the second service.

On the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 8, I preached

in the morning in St. Stephen's, Pittsfield ; in the afternoon confirmed 15, and, after the children of the parish had been catechized by the Rector, examined them myself ; and in the evening again preached.

On the evening of Tuesday, September 10, I confirmed 1 in Trinity Church, Lenox. This parish has been favored, during the past year, with the ministrations of the Rector of St. Paul's, Stockbridge, on the afternoon of every Sunday.

On the following day, Wednesday, September 11, I preached in the evening in St. Paul's, Stockbridge.

On Thursday, September 12, in St. James's, Great Barrington, I preached in the afternoon, and in the evening confirmed 5 persons.

On Friday, September 13, I preached in the morning in Trinity Church, Vandeusenville ; and in the afternoon, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Pynchon, Rector of St. Paul's, Stockbridge, confirmed 2 persons. I also examined the children of the parish in the Catechism. I have learned, with great satisfaction, that this congregation, partly by their own subscriptions, and partly by aid from others, have raised an amount sufficient for the building of a parsonage. The work will be commenced immediately, and, when completed, will be a valuable addition to the resources of the parish.

On the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 15, I visited St. Paul's, Otis, and St. Andrew's, New Boston ; in the morning preaching in the former, and in the afternoon confirming 4 persons in the latter. Not long after the resignation of the Rev. D. G. Wright, these parishes obtained the services of the Rev. Henry S. Attwater ; and, having been received into this Diocese with letters dimissory from New York, he is now prosecuting his labors in the midst of them.

On Monday, September 16, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Attwater, I made a visit to St. Mark's, Blandford. After preaching to such of the parishioners as had assembled together in the church,

I addressed them in reference to the sad cessation among them of the accustomed means of grace ; urging them to the duty of providing once more, for themselves and their children, those ministrations of the gospel which they once enjoyed. I am sorry to say that no result has followed, or seems likely to follow.

On Thursday, September 19, I confirmed 3 in the evening in the Congregational meeting-house at Millville, then used as a temporary place of worship by the congregation of St. John's in that village.

On the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, September 22, I preached in the afternoon, and catechised the children, in St. Matthew's, South Boston.

On the evening of the same day, I confirmed 4 in St. Paul's, Dedham. I was highly gratified to find, that, through the munificent liberality of two gentlemen of the parish, a new organ of suitable size, and of very superior tone, had just been placed in the church. It is the workmanship of Mr. Hook, of this city ; and, for this important aid to the appropriate worship of God, the congregation are indebted to Reuben Richards, and J. W. Clarke, Esqs.

In the month of October I attended the meeting of the General Convention of our Church, held at Cincinnati, Ohio. Among the results of that meeting must be recorded, with gratitude to God, the nomination of the Rev. John Payne, D. D., by the House of Bishops to that of Clerical and Lay Deputies, and the election of this reverend brother by the latter, as Missionary Bishop for Africa. His return to this country from the distant field of his labors, for the purpose of receiving consecration, is hourly expected.

On the afternoon of Monday, November 11, it was my pleasing duty, in presence of several of the Clergy of the Diocese, and of many others, to lay the corner-stone of St. John's Church, East Boston.

On Wednesday, November 13, I confirmed 8 in the evening in St.

James's, Amesbury ; and on the following day, at an Ordination held in the same church, admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. William Willian, Deacon, late of the Diocese of New York, who has succeeded the Rev. Mr. Estes as the Rector of this parish. On this occasion, the Rev. Dr. Wayland, and the Rev. Messrs. Woart, ~~Estes~~, and Washburn, united with me in the imposition of hands.

On the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity, November 17, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon in St. Mary's, Newton, Lower Falls, and then catechised the young persons of the parish.

During this same week, I had the privilege of participating in the public services of the Church Missionary Association for the Eastern District, which took place in Christ Church, Waltham ; preaching and administering the Holy Communion on the morning of Tuesday, November 19, and also, on the evening of the following day, addressing the congregation at a missionary meeting, after forcible appeals delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Ballard and Packard, and the Rev. Dr. Vinton. The attendance on all the appointed occasions was quite encouraging ; and I cannot but indulge the hope, that much spiritual edification will be the result of this meeting in the midst of that young and promising parish. May God graciously grant it, for his dear Son's sake !

On the Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 22, I preached in the morning in St. Anne's, Lowell, and in the afternoon confirmed 22 persons. After the conclusion of divine service in the afternoon, the young people of the parish, after reciting the Catechism to the Rector, were examined by myself.

On the First Sunday after the Epiphany, January 12, 1851, I confirmed 10 in the evening in the Episcopal Chapel for Seamen in Ann street, Boston.

On the Second Sunday after the Epiphany, January 19, I confirmed 6 in the evening in Christ Church, Waltham.

On the Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 26, I attend-

ed, in the afternoon, the annual examination of the children in the catechism at the Church of the Messiah, Boston; catechising them after the Rector; and also delivering an address to the teachers and others present. In the evening I confirmed, in the same church, 9 persons.

On the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 9, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon in St. James's, Roxbury.

In the evening of the same day, I preached in the temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation of Grace Church, Cambridge. The ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Patterson at this place have recently been discontinued; the Commissioners for Church Extension having deemed it inexpedient, for the present, to encourage the building of a parish church, without the prospect of which the congregation were unwilling to maintain the accustomed services.

On the morning of Tuesday, February 11, I was present at another meeting of the Eastern District Church Missionary Association, held in Grace Church, Medford. At this time I preached, and administered the Holy Communion; and on the evening of the next day, February 12, after addresses on the subject of Missions by the Rev. Messrs. Packard, Fales, and Washburn, I made a few closing remarks to the congregation present. The interest taken by the people in the exercises was apparently great, and I learn that happy results, in the increase of the missionary spirit in the parish, have followed from the meeting.

On the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 30, I confirmed 13 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Cambridge.

On Wednesday, April 2, I confirmed, at her own house, a parishioner of St. Matthew's, South Boston, lying dangerously ill.

On Thursday, April 10, I confirmed 25 in the afternoon in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

On the Sunday next before Easter, April 13, I confirmed 16 in the morning in Trinity Church, Boston. To these is to be added 1,

hereafter to be mentioned, making 17 as the whole number for the year.

In the afternoon of the same day, confirmed 14 in St. Paul's, Boston. And

In the evening, confirmed 6 in the temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation of St. Paul's, Brookline.

On the evening of Good Friday, April 18, I confirmed 3 in Grace Church, Medford.

Easter Day, April 20, I confirmed 8 in the evening in St. Mary's, Dorchester.

Tuesday in Easter Week, April 22, in the Town Hall at Pawtucket, I confirmed in the evening 8 persons belonging to the congregation of Trinity Church in that town; and afterwards administered the same rite to 2 sick persons at their own homes. The Rev. James C. Richmond has been officiating in this parish during the past year, and the field of usefulness for ministerial labor is as great as ever. My prayer is that the needed work of building a parish church may, ere long, be commenced in earnest. There is no place where it would operate with more beneficial influence on the population.

On Wednesday, April 23, I confirmed 6 in the evening in St. Stephen's, Lynn. The attempt is now being made, and I hope will prove successful, to raise the needed funds for the purchase of a parsonage for this parish.

On Thursday, April 24, I confirmed 8 in the evening in St. Peter's, Salem.

On Friday, April 25, in St. Michael's, Marblehead, I catechised the children, and addressed the congregation, in the afternoon; and confirmed 3 in the evening.

On the First Sunday after Easter, April 27, in Christ Church, Andover, I preached in the morning, and catechised the children; and in the afternoon confirmed 11 persons.

In the evening of the same day, I confirmed 5 in Grace Church,

Lawrence. I am rejoiced to say, that the Vestry of this parish, having procured the needed amount for the building of a large and solid stone church, in place of their present edifice, are now making preparations for the immediate commencement of the work.

On Tuesday evening, April 29, I confirmed 9 in St. Paul's, Newburyport.

On Wednesday, April 30, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in St. James's, Amesbury; making, with the 8 previously mentioned, 18 as the whole number for the year.

On Friday, May 2, I confirmed 3 in the afternoon in St. Andrew's, Hanover. In the evening a second service took place in the lecture-room of the parish; when, after prayers, and a brief exposition of a portion of Scripture by the Rev. Mr. Woart, I addressed a few parting words of exhortation to the persons assembled.

On the Second Sunday after Easter, May 4, I visited Christ Church, Plymouth; in the morning preaching, and administering the Holy Communion; in the afternoon again preaching, and catechising the children; and in the evening, after a third sermon, delivering a closing address to the congregation on the subject of prayer for the influences of the Holy Spirit, and of the training of the young in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. I think that I can say with confidence, that this parish is steadily advancing. May the grace of the Holy Spirit abundantly descend upon the labors of its pastor; and make this church an enduring spot, from which shall go forth the saving influences of the gospel of Christ through all future generations! Amidst the melancholy defection of that region from the doctrines of Christ, it is cheering to think of the fact that there, from week to week, our Prayer-Book announces the same faith "which was once delivered unto the saints."

On Tuesday, May 6, in Grace Church, New Bedford, I catechised the children of the parish in the afternoon; and in the eve-

ning confirmed 7 persons. At the conclusion of the services I delivered a brief address to the people.

On Wednesday, May 7, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

On Thursday, May 8, I visited the Church of the Ascension, Fall River; catechising the children in the afternoon, and confirming 6 in the evening in the Methodist meeting-house, which was kindly offered for the use of the congregation on this occasion. You are all aware of the destruction by fire, in December last, of the church belonging to this parish. This calamity, however, seems to have been overruled by a kind Providence for its permanent interests. With the amount of the insurance on the building the debt with which it was encumbered has been liquidated; and, with subscriptions partly made by the congregation, and partly by others in Boston and elsewhere, and which, originally given for the removal of the embarrassments of the parish, are now appropriated, with their consent, to the building of a church, the Vestry are now enabled to rear a new edifice of stone. This good work has been already commenced.

On Friday, May 9, I confirmed 2 in Christ Church, Swansea.

On the Third Sunday after Easter, May 11, in St. Thomas's, Taunton, I preached in the morning, and catechised the children; and confirmed 4 in the afternoon. I record with pleasure that the Vestry of this parish, with means furnished by the congregation, have commenced the building of a substantial parsonage.

On the evening of Monday, May 12, I had the satisfaction of officiating at Palmer. In this thriving town a parish has been organized, during the past year, by the name of St. Paul's; and the congregation has been favored with frequent and cheerfully rendered ministrations by the Rev. Mr. Littlejohn, Rector of Christ Church, Springfield. A small but zealous band of persons have procured, and fitted up, a very convenient place of worship; and in this temporary sanctuary Confirmation was administered, on the evening of my visitation,

and in presence of a large congregation, to 2 persons. The growing importance of the town of Palmer renders the success of this infant church certain, if it can be aided for a time by our Diocesan Board of Missions in the support of stated ministrations. My hope is that this assistance will be afforded.

On Tuesday, May 13, I confirmed 7 in the evening in Christ Church, Springfield, and also a sick member of the parish in a private house. It is with great pleasure that I state, that the Vestry have just purchased, with the liberal contributions of the congregation, a beautiful lot in the rear of the church; and intend commencing forthwith, upon a portion of this ground, the erection of a large addition to the length of the present edifice. They contemplate, at the same time, a needed improvement of the interior of the church, and also the purchase of the beautiful adjoining house in which the Rector now resides, with the view of appropriating it as a permanent parsonage for the parish. The resources now enjoyed will enable them to effect these objects with perfect safety; and the parish will then be placed in a situation for meeting the increased demand for accommodation, created by its growing importance. May the Lord crown the congregation with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus!

On Wednesday, May 14, I preached in the evening in Grace Church, Chicopee. The Rev. Mr. Remington has just resigned the charge of this parish.

On Thursday, May 15, in St. James's, Greenfield, I confirmed 7 in the afternoon, and examined the children in the Catechism.

On Friday, May 16, in St. John's, Northampton, I catechised the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 4 in the evening.

I was obliged to omit, at this time, the visitation of St. John's, Ashfield, and have postponed it to the ensuing autumn. The Rev. W. Withington has been officiating in this parish during the past year.

On Sunday last, the Fourth after Easter, May 18, I confirmed 11 in the morning in Grace Church, Boston, including 1 from Trinity church. I would here mention, that an alteration has been made, during the past year, in the interior arrangements of this church; and it presents a greatly improved and most appropriate appearance.

In the afternoon of the same day, I preached in St. Peter's, Cambridgeport. The Rev. Mr. Stickney has recently resigned the Rectorship of this parish. It is at present supplied with the services of the Rev. Mr. Woart, who, owing to a protracted illness, terminating in great prostration of strength, was compelled a few months since to resign the Rectorship of Christ Church, in this city. His health, however, is now sufficiently restored to enable him to discharge with comfort the duties of the ministry. Christ Church has been supplied, since the vacancy, with, stated ministrations by the Rev. Mr. Leach.

On the evening of the same day, in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston, I confirmed 11 parishioners of the Church of the Advent.

I have to add to the record thus presented, that I have received notice that a parish, by the name of St. Mark, has been recently organized in Boston, with the view of extending the ministrations of our Church to the extreme southern portion of the city. The Rector is the Rev. P. H. Greenleaf, who has resigned, for this field of labor, the charge of St. John's, Charlestown. The latter church is at present served by the Rev. Mr. Patterson.

The result of the particulars above stated is as follows:—I have confirmed, during the past year, 334 persons; consecrated 1 church; laid the corner stone of 2 churches; ordained 3 Priests; and 2 parishes have been organized.

In addition to the record of the consecration of St. Paul's, Nantucket, I had expected to announce, at this Convention, the performance of the same service for two others. In reference to one of

these, St. John's, East Boston, it has pleased Divine Providence to disappoint our wishes by a recent and most unexpected visitation. When this church was within a few weeks of being ready for use, it was suddenly destroyed by the violent gale of this Spring, which did such extensive destruction to property and human life. In this calamity, the persevering and united band who form the congregation at East Boston, and also their faithful and indefatigable Rector, have met with a severe trial of their patience and confidence in God. In the laborious toil of collecting contributions for the building of the edifice, Mr. Allen had almost exhausted his bodily strength; and, after having, at so great a sacrifice of personal comfort, at length succeeded, he was just within sight of the completion of a beautiful sanctuary only to see his hopes blasted. I am happy to say, however, that he is again prosecuting, in faith and diligence, the arduous work of gathering offerings for the construction of a new building. Let us follow him with our prayers and best wishes; and indulge the confident trust, that an application appealing so strongly to the sympathies of Christian hearts will meet with a prompt and generous response.

The other church to which I allude is St. John's, Millville. This beautiful edifice of stone, built from a design given by Mr. Upjohn, has been for some time ready for consecration, and is now occupied by the congregation. A small indebtedness, however, still remains, which will be probably liquidated in the course of a few weeks; after which this sanctuary will be solemnly set apart to the purposes for which it was reared. I am gratified to be able to say, that the parish, although so short a period has elapsed since its organization, became self-supporting immediately after the opening of the new church for public worship.

I have to notice some changes in the Diocese during the past year, other than those already recorded. The Rev. Henry Waterman has been transferred to the Diocese of Rhode Island; the Rev. William

Warland, formerly Missionary at Bridgewater, and the Rev. Samuel D. Denison, late Rector of St. James's, Great Barrington, have removed with letters dimissory to the Diocese of Connecticut ; also the Rev. Thomas M. Clark, having resigned his situation as Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Boston, has been transferred to that Diocese, and is Rector of Christ Church, Hartford ; the Rev. Orange Clark, D. D., has resigned the Rectorship of Christ Church, Quincy, and is now on his way to California, under an appointment from the United States Government ; the Rev. W. A. Jenks has relinquished the charge of St. Luke's, Chelsea, and is the teacher of a school in East Boston ; the Rev. Moses B. Chase, though still canonically connected with this Diocese, has been ordered by the Government to the Navy Yard at Brooklyn, New York ; and the Rev. Oliver S. Prescott has ceased to be Assistant Minister of the Church of the Advent, Boston.

To the changes which have thus marked the Conventional year just closed, has to be added the impressive record of the departure from this life, since we last met together in this place, of four among the number of our Clergy. In August last, the Rev. Jacob Pearson finished his course, after an illness, attended occasionally by severe suffering, of several years. In the following month, the intelligence reached this country of the sudden death, at sea, of the Rev. Addison Searle, Chaplain in the Navy. This event occurred on board of the ship to which he was attached, while on a voyage from one to another port of the Mediterranean ; and was occasioned by an attack of the same malady to which, as you are aware, he had been subject during a great part of his life. In December, the Rev. Dr. Boyle, so long known and so highly valued in the Church at large for his sound theological learning, and his literary attainments, expired in this city of a paralytic attack. Although unable, from the affliction of deafness, to discharge the duties of a parochial cure, he was always ready to perform occasional services

for his brethren in the ministry ; and, as Treasurer of the Society of this Diocese for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, was for many years its faithful and efficient servant. In March, the Rev. John T. Sabine, a clergyman of sincere and deep piety, was removed from the world by a consumption which had been preying upon him for some years, and which had deprived him, since he came into this Diocese, of the ability to undertake continued ministerial labor. My reverend brethren, all these fellow-workmen have been taken, and we have been left. Let us redeem the time, seeing that we 'know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.'

The names of the Candidates for Holy Orders are as follows :— Charles F. Nourse, John P. Hubbard, George A. Gordon, Horatio Gray, Alfred A. Gilbert, D. C. Maybin, John T. Burrill, and Chas. W. Homer—Total, 8. The name of David Russell has been erased at his own request ; and David F. Lumsden, admitted in December last, was soon afterwards transferred to the Diocese of Connecticut.

Such is the summary of acts and events which it is my duty to record. I pass to one or two other topics not without their importance.

United as we are in affection and in aims with our beloved and venerated mother Church of England, any transaction which serves to mark the connexion between us must possess for all of us the deepest interest. Of such a character is the circular letter received, not long since, by the Bishops of our Church from the Archbishop of Canterbury, and containing the request for a union with our brethren in England in celebrating the completion of a hundred and fifty years, since the foundation of the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. This document, so worthy, by its Christian simplicity, of the character of him who now fills the Primacy, you have all of course read ; and I trust that it will have the effect of drawing our hearts, more closely than ever, to

that noble Church, as it most certainly evinces, on her part, an affectionate communion of spirit with ourselves. I am sure that the commemoration will be universal among us; and quite sure I am likewise, that it cannot take place without stirring up, both in clergy and people, a renewed interest in the cause of Missions,—reminding us, as it will, of the inestimable blessings our Church in this country has derived from the munificence of an ancient Institution, to which we owe our foundation and early establishment. Let me express the hope that the special Collection, to be then made in the various churches for the cause of Diocesan Missions, will be worthy of the occasion. ‘Freely ye have received, freely give.’

I have also received, in common with the other Bishops of our Church, a communication from the Bishop of Oxford, accompanying a copy of a Protest made by himself, and by a numerous body of the Clergy and Laity of that Diocese, against the recent act of the Bishop of Rome in dividing the territory of England into new Dioceses, and placing Bishops in them appointed by himself. In reply to his request for the approval of that Protest, I gave to the substance of it, of course, my hearty support; taking the opportunity, at the same time, to express the satisfaction felt by me, and in which I trust you will all share, at the fervor and unanimity with which the English nation, on occasion of this act of the Pope, have spoken out their attachment to the faith of Protestants, and their gratitude for the blessings transmitted to us by the glorious Reformation. And I did not deem it to be out of place to refer likewise, with joy, to the equally unequivocal voice with which the British people, on the same occasion, have expressed their sense of the conduct of those among their own Clergy, who, while bound by vows of allegiance to the Reformed and Protestant Episcopal Church, have been studiously seeking to alienate their flocks from the scriptural purity of her doctrines and worship. Let it be our consolation, my brethren of the Clergy and Laity, to know, that, amidst these trials to which

our mother Church is now exposed, and amidst those through which we ourselves are passing, the Lord reigns as supreme Shepherd and Head ! And let it be our prayer, that these conflicts may act upon us with purifying discipline,—humbling us under the remembrance of past sins,—and leading us to rely, for progress, only upon the firmness with which we adhere, in faith and ritual, to the simplicity of God's holy word ! Without this, great as are the inherent capabilities of advancement we possess, we shall lose the blessing of God, and miss the precious opportunity we enjoy for becoming ' a name and a praise in the earth.'

And now, may the Holy Ghost preside in our present council ! May He give us to drink into the spirit that was in Christ ! a spirit of ardent love for the souls of men, and of prayer for the universal extension of Messiah's Kingdom ! " God be merciful unto us, and bless us ; and cause his face to shine upon us. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations."

The Rev. A. N. Littlejohn presented a petition from St. Paul's Church, Palmer, and the Rev. P. H. Greenleaf presented a similar petition from St. Mark's Church, Boston, praying for union with this Convention, which petitions, together with their accompanying certificates, were referred to the Committee on new parishes.

The Committee on Finance made the following Report:

The Convention is indebted to the Clerical Deputies to the General Convention in the sum of	\$100 00
For the contingent fund to the General Convention,	
paid by the Lay-Deputies, - - -	80 00
To Mr. J. B. Dow, for balance of acc't for 1849,	113 85
" " " " for 1850,	180 90
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	\$474 75

Amount brought forward,		\$474 75
There will be required for the expenses of the present Convention,		
For publishing the Journal, -	\$180 00	
For expenses of Clergymen, attending Convention, at least, - -	60 00	
Contingent expenses, estimated,	20 00	
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		\$734 75

The income of the Convention, on the estimate of last year, will be, -	282 00	
St. Paul's - - - -	30 00	
21 parishes at \$6 each, - -	126 00	
Balance due on last year's account,	156 00	
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		\$140 75

Resolved, That the Delegates to the present Convention be required to pay to the Treasurer, for the contingent expenses of the present year, and for the discharge of the claims against it for past years, double the amount required to be paid by the canon of 1849, and that the Treasurer be required to urge delinquent parishes to pay up arrearages.

The question having been taken upon the resolution appended to the above Report, the same was negatived.

The Committee on New Parishes, made the following Report:

The Committee on New Parishes would report that the usual papers have been laid before them, for admission to this Convention, from St. Mark's, Boston, and St. Paul's Palmer. In regard to the parish of St. Mark's, we find that it has presented, "written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that it is duly organized, and accedes to the Constitution and canons of the Church."

In regard to St. Paul's Church, Palmer, we find "written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that it is duly organized," but no evidence that it accedes to the Constitutions and Canons of this Church.

T. W. SNOW, *Chairman*.

On motion,

Resolved, That the foregoing Report be laid on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the following Resolution, offered by E. A. Newton, Esq., be laid on the table.

Resolved, That all applications for the admission of new parishes into union with this Convention, be received and referred to the Standing Committee. And that the said Committee be required to examine into the circumstances of the party making the application; to ascertain the number of Episcopalians resident in the place where it is proposed to establish a new parish; what resources they have from the establishment of a neighboring parish already in existence; what the population of the town in which it is proposed to establish such parish, may amount to; what may be expected to be its probable increase; what is the number, character, and influence of other Christian denominations in the same place; and what are the resources in possession of the applicants, whereon may be founded a reasonable expectation, that they now are, or are likely to become, within a reasonable time, a self-supporting Parish; and that they make report of the same to the next Convention, with their opinion thereon.

On motion,

Resolved, That the vote by which the resolution appended to the report of the Finance Committee was negatived, be reconsidered.

On motion, *Resolved*, that this Convention adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Adjourned.

*Trinity Church Boston,
Wednesday Morning, 9 o'clock. }*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Henry S. Attwater, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Otis, and St. Andrew's, New Boston.

The roll was called by the Secretary, and some members not present yesterday appeared and took their seats.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, amended and approved.

The Rev. Theodore W. Snow, Secretary of the Board of Missions, made the following annual

Report of the Board of Missions.

This Board respectfully presents to the Convention this, their Fifteenth Annual Report.

The appropriations for the year have been as follows :

To the Missionary at St. Paul's Church,	Stockbridge,	}	\$150.
" " " Trinity	Lennox,		
" " " St. Paul's	Otis,	}	150.
" " " St. Andrew's	New Boston,		
" " " St. Paul's	Nantucket,		150.
" " " Christ	Plymouth,		150.
" " " Christ	Swansea,		150.
" " " Trinity	Bridgewater,		100.
" " " Christ	Clappville,		100.
" " " Grace	Lawrence,		200.
" " " St. John's	Ashfield,		100.
" " " St. Peter's	Cambridgeport,		100.
" " " St. John's	Millville,		100.
" " " St. John's	East Boston,		200.
" " " Ascension	Fall River,		200.
" " " Trinity	Vandeusenville,		100.
" " " Grace	Chicopee,		200.
" " " Trinity	Pawtucket,		100.

During the last year no services have been held at Ballardvale, and consequently it does not appear on our list of stations. All

Saints' Church, Worcester, is likewise omitted, as it has become self-supporting. The Rev. Mr. Warland, late of Bridgewater, resigned his post early in the winter, and has consequently drawn but a small amount from our Treasury. It was a question of some difficulty whether or no we should continue our appropriation to this Missionary after the action of the last Convention upon the subject of the delegation from Trinity Church; but it was decided to continue the appropriation of last year till the legal difficulties of the case were settled by the Supreme Court.

We have so frequently and so urgently addressed the Convention upon those points which naturally come up in the reports of a Board like this, that we will not detain you by a reiteration of them. Suffice it to say that while we regret most deeply to record the sad misfortune which has overtaken St. John's, East Boston, in the destruction of its nearly completed edifice,—disappointing, as it has, the hopes of its friends and of its indefatigable Missionary, there are tokens of cheerful indications in other quarters which call loudly for our gratitude. The Church of the Ascension, Fall River, is preparing to replace the old, unsightly and inconvenient edifice, destroyed last Christmas Eve by fire, with a neat, substantial, and commodious structure of stone. The insurance money has paid the debt under which the parish was laboring, and left a balance, which, with amounts secured by the Rector in Fall River and elsewhere, will be nearly sufficient for the new enterprise. Grace Church, Lawrence, will, in the course of the present year, erect a stone church on the lot occupied by its present building, which will be removed to another locality and used as a lecture and Sunday School room. Our Missionary at Millville resigns his appointment, to take effect July 1st, as the new stone church which has been reared by his exertions opens with a sufficient income from pew-rent to sustain the current expenses of the parish and give him a liberal support. St. Paul's Church, Nantucket, has erected a neat and convenient church of a little more than 200 sittings,—the whole, including an eligible lot of land, at a cost of a little more than \$2200. For \$900 of this amount, the Church was indebted to the energy and perseverance of the ladies. The balance was raised by liberal donations from abroad. The parish has raised this year, in various ways,

a little over \$300. These cheering circumstances lead us, amid the discouragements and perplexities of our arduous work, to thank God and take courage. We are happy to be able to state, as we did the last year, that our Treasury is unencumbered with debt.

T. W. SNOW, *Secretary*.

J. S. Copley Greene, Esq., Secretary of the Tract Committee made the following annual report of that body.

Report of the Tract Committee.

The Tract Committee beg leave to report: That they have put forth no new tracts during the past year, for want of sufficient funds. What has been received, they have applied towards the payment of the debt which remained at the time of their last report. The following are the acknowledgments which have been made for sums received:

From St. James's, Greenfield,	\$1 00
" Trinity Church, Boston,	56 46
" Christ Church, Andover,	13 00
" a person unknown,	1 00
" two persons,	10 00
" St. Peter's, Salem,	25 00
" St. Paul's, Boston,	50 00

Total, . . . \$156 46

The balance now due is five dollars and seventy-six cents (\$5.76.)

Your Committee have printed 36 tracts, of all of which they own the stereotyped plates, amounting to \$950.

They trust that their efforts may be regarded as not altogether in vain, but that the objects for which they were appointed have been in some measure accomplished.

In the hope that they may be able to make arrangements with some Society, having larger means to effect a wider circulation of the tracts already printed by them, they recommend the adoption of the following vote: That the Tract Committee be empowered to wind up its concerns and then dissolve.

For the Committee,

J. S. COPLEY GREENE, *Secretary and Treasurer*.

The Rev. Mr. Snow, from the Committee on New Parishes made the following additional report :

The Committee on new Parishes would report, that the technical informality of the papers of St. Paul's Church, Palmer, has been corrected. As they now stand, they are fully satisfactory.

T. W. SNOW, *Chairman.*

The hour having arrived for the order of the day, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Standing Committee.

W. Raymond Lee Esq., Secretary of the Standing Committee, offered the annual report of that body for the past year, which, on motion, was recommitted for the purpose of correction.

The Chair appointed the Rev. G. W. Porter, and the Rev. Edward Ballard, tellers to receive and count the votes for Standing Committee.

The Secretary having read a communication from certain members of St. Paul's Church, Nantucket, alleging the illegality of the election of Lay Delegates from that Parish, the same was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Qualifications.

The Finance Committee, having asked leave to withdraw the resolution appended to their Report of yesterday, and to substitute for it the following :

Resolved, That to meet the expenses of the present Convention, and to discharge the indebtedness of previous Conventions, it is necessary to raise, this year, a larger amount than may, ordinarily, be requisite for these purposes. Therefore, *Resolved*, that in addition to the payment of one per cent. on the salaries of ministers, required to be paid by parishes, under the canon of 1849, the said parishes be called upon, this year, to contribute an equal additional amount ; that the Treasurer notify the parishes

accordingly, and request an early payment of the same, together with the amount due, and unpaid, of the assessment for the last year.

The same was, on motion, adopted.

The tellers appointed to count the votes for a Standing Committee reported that the Convention had made choice of the following persons, to form that body for the ensuing year:

CLERGY.

LAITY.

The Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D. D.,	W. Raymond Lee,
“ George M. Randall,	George M. Dexter,
“ Charles Mason,	Otis Daniell.

And they were accordingly declared duly elected.

The resolution offered yesterday by Mr. E. A. Newton (page 28,) was taken from the table.

After considerable discussion of the subject, the resolution referred to was withdrawn by the mover.

The Rev. C. Mason, from the Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report:

The Committee on Unfinished Business report, that a resolution presented by the Rev. Mr. Greenleaf, to amend Article 4th of the Constitution, is the only unfinished business of the last Convention.

In behalf of the Committee,

CHARLES MASON.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on New Parishes, be taken from the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That St. Paul's Church, Palmer, be received into union with this Convention.

Whereupon, the Secretary called the names of the Lay Delegates from that Parish, viz: Frederick W. Wallace, and John C. Worthington, who appeared and took their seats in the Convention.

The Rev. Alexander H. Vinton D. D., offered the following Resolution, to be printed in the Journal, and to lie over for the action of the next Convention.

Resolved, That article 4th of the Constitution be amended, by striking out the words "are duly organized," and insert the words "have been duly organized for the space of one year, and during that time have held regular public services;" and by adding at the close of the article, the words "and evidence likewise that their organization has been duly approved by the Bishop of this Diocese."

The Standing Committee presented their amended Report, as follows :

Report of the Standing Committee.

In conformity with Article 8th of the Constitution, the Standing Committee of this Diocese report their doings to the Convention for the past year.

The Committee have held twenty meetings. The Committee was organized at its first meeting, held May 16th, 1850, by the election of the Rev. Geo. M. Randall, as President, and Wm. Raymond Lee, as Secretary.

They have granted the following canonical certificates and testimonials.

In favor of the Rev. Messrs. E. F. Remington, J. W. Birchmore, and Wm. Willian for admission to the Holy Order of Priest.

In favor of Messrs. David F. Lumsden, Charles W. Homer, and John T. Burrill, as Candidates for Holy Orders.

On the 17th day of July, 1850, they presented, in conformity with Canon I, 1846, the Rev. Oliver S. Prescott to the Right Rev. the Bishop of this Diocese, as having been guilty of holding and inculcating certain doctrines which are not held, nor allowed to be held by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, but which are condemned by the Standards of said Church, as wrong, unsound, and heretical.

The Court for the trial of the Rev. O. S. Prescott having decided that the presentment was not sufficiently specific in point

of time, place, and circumstances, the Committee on the 3d day of March 1851, presented the Rev. O. S. Prescott for inculcating unsound and heretical doctrines, for violating his Ordination vows, and for having violated the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese. For the Committee,

W. RAYMOND LEE, *Secretary.*

The Rev. P. H. Greenleaf offered the annual Report of the Board of Missions to Seamen, as follows :

Report of the Board of Missions to Seamen.

This Board has held stated meetings throughout the past year, for the consideration of the interests of the Mission to Seamen. Their labors for the year began with an estimated expense of about \$1500 to support the Mission, a debt of about \$500 and an empty treasury. By the persevering efforts of the Missionary and the great kindness and liberality of the Treasurer, the Mission has sustained itself and paid the greater part of its indebtedness, and may be said to be free from debt; the amount expected from subscriptions now due being reported as equal to the balance due the Treasurer.

The whole amount of receipts from all sources for the year has been \$1880 99, and the whole amount of expenditures \$2120 64, leaving a balance due the Treasurer of \$239 63.

The Board have heard with satisfaction the report of their Missionary of the continued usefulness and success of the Mission, and so far as their own personal observation has enabled them to judge, they concur in the statements he has made to the Bishop respecting the same.

P. H. GREENLEAF, }
GEORGE A. BROWN, } *Committee.*

Boston, May 21st, 1851.

The question having been taken upon the resolution appended to the report of the Tract Committee, viz :

That the Tract Committee be empowered to wind up its concerns, and then to dissolve,

The same was, by vote of the Convention, negatived.

On motion,

Resolved, That it be the duty of every Parochial Clergyman of this Diocese, to make an annual collection, in his Church, in aid of the Funds of the Tract Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair, to nominate a Board of Missions, and also a Board of Missions to Seamen in the Port of Boston.

The Chair nominated the Rev. William Horton, Rev. Samuel Cutler, and Lewis R. Chesborough.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of a Trustee of the General Seminary, in the place of the Rev. Thomas M. Clark, removed from this Diocese.

The Finance Committee made the following Report :

The Finance Committee report, that allowance of the following sums ought to be made to the several Clergymen named below, for their travelling expenses to this Convention : Rev. J. H. Rouse, \$5; Rev. S. B. Shaw, \$10; Rev. T. R. Pynchon, \$10; Rev. L. Green, \$10; Rev. Justin Field, \$10; Rev. Ethan Allen, \$10.

Which, on motion, was adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, that in the election of a Trustee of the General Theological Seminary, balloting be dispensed with.

The Rev. John Wayland, D. D., having been nominated to fill the vacancy, was elected.

The Rev. P. H. Greenleaf, Secretary of the Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, offered the following annual Report of that Society.

Report of the Widows and Orphans Society.

The Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, present the following statement of their investments, expenditures and

proceedings for the year past to the Convention of the Church in this Diocese.

It appears by the Treasurer's Report that the receipts of the Society up to the present time have been . \$4816 85

Of this amount, there is invested :

In the Boston Institution for Savings, . . .	\$1,000 00
“ Suffolk Savings' Bank, . . .	1,584 51
“ Hospital Life Insurance Company, . . .	848 27
In a mortgage of real estate, . . .	1,000 00
Not yet invested, . . .	384 07

A sermon before this Society was delivered in Grace Church, Boston, on the second Sunday in Lent, 1851, by the Right Rev. J. H. Hopkins, D. D., Bishop of Vermont ; and a collection made in aid of its funds. This appropriate and excellent sermon has been printed and widely distributed, and we hope, from it, good results to the charity which we administer.

The Society lament to record the death, since the last report, of their late Treasurer, Rev. Isaac Boyle, D. D. His disinterested, laborious and faithful services in the cause of this Society, as its Treasurer from its first organization, will ever be remembered, as truly invaluable. He was endeared to us and to all who knew him, by his unostentatious but solid worth ; and his long life exhibited a beautiful and consistent illustration of the religion of which he was a minister.

No application for relief has been made during the year. But every year brings its solemn warning to those of the Clergy who are still spared to work in their Master's service, through the broad field of the world, that they, too, must soon lie down in the dust : and the Society again appeal to them to avail themselves of the opportunity given them, in this Association, to provide for the necessities of those near and dear to them, who must soon be left to care for themselves. The present absence of any claimant to the relief this Society proposes to give, should supply motive for activity in increasing its efficiency, rather than inspire neglect of its interests. And the need which some suffering child or widow of a faithful minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, may have of that bread he is no more able to supply by his toil,

may be, and, we think, should be provided for, while yet there is time.

The Society have resolved to make an effort to raise *ten thousand dollars* in aid of their funds, to enable them to grant general relief, and a committee has been appointed to prepare and execute a plan for this purpose. Meanwhile, they have instructed their Secretary to ask of this Convention to pass, in their favor, the same resolutions which have been passed by the preceding Conventions of the Church in this Diocese.

P. H. GREENLEAF, *Secretary*.

Boston, May 21, 1851.

The Rev. Wm. Horton, from the nominating Committee, reported the following names for the Board of Missions:

CLERGY.	LAITY.
The Rev. Charles Mason,	Otis Daniell,
“ John Wayland, D. D.,	James B. Dow,
“ Joseph H. Clinch,	E. M. Dexter,
“ George M. Randall,	C. H. Parker.
“ Theodore W. Snow,	
“ William R. Babcock,	
“ Thomas F. Fales.	

The same Committee nominated the following gentlemen to form the Board of Missions to Seamen:

CLERGY.	LAITY.
The Rev. George M. Randall,	George M. Browne,
“ Patrick H. Greenleaf.	B. P. Richardson,
	Foster Waterman,
	Benjamin C. Clark,
	J. P. Ellicott,
	J. S. Copley Greene,
	George A. Brown,
	Thomas S. English.

On motion,

Resolved, That the several Parishes of this Diocese be requested to make a collection in behalf of the Society

for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, at some period during the next Lenten Season; and that the amount so collected shall be applied, so far as may be, to constitute the Pastor of the Church, for the time being, a member and contributor of the Society.

Resolved, That the Society be allowed to add at the end of the appendix of the Journal to be printed by said Convention, the amended Bye-Laws, and a brief statement of the objects, present condition and future prospects of the Society—the Society paying the actual cost of the printing of the same.

The Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D., from the Executive Committee, made the following report :

That the 3d Wednesday of May 1852, be the time, and Trinity Church, Boston, the place, for holding the next Convention. And that the Rev. Titus Strong, D. D., be the preacher on the occasion, and the Rev. E. M. P. Wells, the substitute.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn, to meet this afternoon at 4½ o'clock.

Adjourned.

*Trinity Church, Boston, }
4½ o'clock, P. M. }*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Committee on Qualifications made the following report, in reference the Lay Delegation from Nantucket :

The Committee on Qualifications, to whom was referred the remonstrance of Artemas Davis and others of St. Paul's Parish, Nantucket, submit the following report :

That from the evidence laid before them, your Committee are of opinion that the delegates elected from St. Paul's

Church, Nantucket, received a majority of the votes cast by the male members of the Parish, present at the annual meeting.

They do not feel called upon by the present case to consider the legal rights of females to vote in parish affairs, as it might involve a full examination of the Revised Statutes of the Commonwealth, which would be prevented by the lateness of the hour at which the subject was referred to the Committee.

EDWARD BALLARD, *for the Committee.*

The Rev. S. B. Shaw offered the following resolution,

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God, since our last meeting in Convention, to remove from this mortal life the Rev. Isaac Boyle, D. D., the Rev. Jacob Pearson, the Rev. Addison Searle, Chaplain in the U. S. Navy, and the Rev. John T. Sabine, Presbyters of this Diocese, therefore, *Resolved*, that we receive this visitation of Divine Providence as a solemn admonition to ourselves "to be also ready," and that in respect for the memory of our brethren, and esteem for their virtues, a record of their deaths be made upon the journal of this Convention.

Which, on motion, was adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's address as refers to the Communication received from the Archbishop of Canterbury, be referred to a Committee of three clergymen.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. William Croswell, D. D., the Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D. D., and the Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D., constitute this Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair, to nominate a Board of Commissioners for Church Extension, and a Tract Committee.

The Chair nominated the Rev. John Wayland, D. D., the Rev. William R. Babcock, and Mr. William Ames.

On motion,

Resolved, Whereas there has been established under the auspices of the General Convention, a Church Historical Society, the object of which is to procure and preserve all documents and other memorials of antiquarian value, bearing on the history of the Church in these United States,

Therefore, *Resolved*, as the sense of this Convention, that it is desirable to further the plans of said Historical Society, and to recommend to Clergy and Laity to present any such documents to the Corresponding member for this Diocese of said Society, the Rev. S. B. Babcock, of Dedham.

On motion,

Resolved, That the sum of \$25, be paid annually to the Secretary of this Convention, for his services.

On motion,

Resolved, That 1000 copies of the Journal be printed.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed to assist the Secretary in publishing the Journal of the Convention, and that the same be distributed throughout the Diocese, in proportion to the number of Communicants in the several Parishes.

The Chair appointed as that Committee, the Assistant Secretary and the Treasurer.

The Rev. John Wayland, D. D., from the Nominating Committee, reported the following names for Commissioners of Church Extension :

The Right Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D.

The Rev. Alex. H. Vinton, D. D., Mr. William Appleton,

“ Theodore Edson, D. D., “ George M. Dexter,

“ Patrick H. Greenleaf. “ Ebenezer Rhodes.

Who, on motion, were elected.

The same Committee reported the following names for Tract Committee.

The Rt. Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D.,

The Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D.,

“ Jos. H. Clinch,

“ Samuel Fuller, D. D.,

Mr. J. S. Copley Greene,

“ George M. Browne.

Who, on motion, were elected.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's address which refers to the Communication from the Archbishop of Canterbury, made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's address as alludes to the request of the Archbishop of Canterbury for an union on the part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States with our brethren in England, in celebrating the completion of an hundred and fifty years since the foundation of the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, ask leave to submit the following resolutions :

Resolved, that this Convention heartily concur in the recommendation of the Bishop, that this commemoration may be universal amongst us, and that it may have the effect of drawing our hearts more closely than ever towards that noble Church to which the Protestant Episcopal Church in these States is indebted for her first foundation, and a long continuance of nursing care and protection ; with whose trials, at this momentous crisis, we cherish the most affectionate sympathy, and offer our fervent prayers for her extension and perpetuation as the bulwark of the Protestant faith.

Resolved, that the Bishop be requested to set forth some appropriate service to be used on this occasion, and that

the collection be made, as suggested in his address, for
Diocesan Missions.

Which report was, on motion, adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, that after the usual religious services, the
Convention adjourn.

The minutes were then read and approved.

Four verses of the 25th Hymn, with the Doxology,
were then sung, and after prayer and benediction by the
Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest,

JOSEPH H. CLINCH, *Secretary*.

GEORGE D. WILDES, *Assistant Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Suffolk County.

Trinity Church, Boston.

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 22, adults 1,) 23. Marriages, 14. Burials, 14. Confirmed, 17. Communicants, 355. Sunday Scholars, 130. The contributions have been as follows:—Communion Offerings, \$555.95; for Diocesan Missions, \$641.14; for church-building in this and other Dioceses, \$1608; for Missions in Maine, \$50.17; for Missions in Illinois, \$15; for the Seamen's Episcopal Mission, \$400; for Foreign Missions, \$229.78; for liquidating the debts of two churches, \$503; for building of a country parsonage, \$19; for Aged and Infirm Clergymen's Fund, \$117.65; collected for the poor at the Price Lectures, \$130.03; for the support of Colporteurs in the employ of the American Tract Society, \$300; for the American Sunday School Union, \$85; for other charitable objects, \$105. In the amount contributed to church-building are included \$425 paid by the Ladies' Missionary Association, and \$10 by the Young Ladies' Missionary Association, to the Commissioners for Church Extension; and of the contributions to Missions, the former of these two associations has given \$140 to Diocesan Missions, and the latter \$25 for the education of a child in China. The Sunday Scholars have contributed \$69.75 of the sum above recorded as paid to the cause of Foreign Missions.

The total amount of contributions during the year is \$4759.72.

Christ Church, Boston.

[No Report.]

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

THE REV. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 43, adults 1,) 44. Communicants : added, 14 ; died or removed, 25 ; present number, 71. Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 5. Burials, 25. Sunday School Scholars, 100. Missionary Contributions : General Board, \$10 ; Mass. Board, \$15. Other contributions for religious purposes, \$121.46. Included in the above sum of \$121.46, are \$5 for St. John's Church, East Boston ; \$5 for St. John's Church, Millville ; and \$6 for the relief of aged and indigent Clergymen.

The Rector reports the general condition of this Parish, as varying little from that mentioned in his previous reports. Our number, however, has suffered more diminution by deaths and removals, during the past year, than, perhaps, at any former period. The Church edifice is beginning to feel the effects of time, and extensive repairs will soon become imperatively necessary, the expense of which will bear heavily on our slender means.

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

THE REV. A. H. VINTON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 15, adults 1,) 16. Communicants : added, 28 ; died or removed, 37 ; present number, 301. Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 13. Burials, 12. Sunday School Teachers, 32 ; Scholars, 120. Missionary Contributions : General Board, \$959.09 ; Diocesan Board, \$619.56 ; City Mission, \$400. Clerical fund for widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$163. Tract Committee, \$50. Missions within the Diocese, not passing through the treasury of the Board, \$300. Seamen's Mission, \$70. Communion alms, \$480.50. Church-building, 1000. Other objects, \$600. Total, \$4644.15.

Besides the Sunday School which, under the charge of the Rev. G. D. Wildes, has more than maintained its flourishing condition, both in numbers and in interest, there are two Bible classes for young women, and one for young men, which, together, comprise about 30 learners. There is likewise an adult Bible class under the instruction of the Rector, which has numbered during the past year about 70 members. The increasing tendency to emigration from the city to the suburbs, has not failed to effect this, in common with other parishes, and during the past year has drawn away an unusually large number of its Communicants.

In a Church however, so advantageously posted as St. Paul's, the accessions will almost of necessity supply the vacancies, and with this added advantage, that, while our communicants are colonized into new parishes, their successors are as so many fresh subjects for religious influence, who not only maintain the ranks of the parish, but may by timely grace increase the *sacramental* numbers of the Church.

Grace Church, Boston.

THE REV. CHARLES MASON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 17, adults 4,) 21. Communicants: added, 26; died or removed, 15; present number, 211. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 9. Burials, 6. Sunday School: Teachers, 26; Scholars, 150. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$333; Massachusetts Board, \$257; Mission for Seamen, \$100. Offerings for the poor, \$280. Clerical Fund, \$50. For Sunday Schools, \$80. Total, \$1100.

The general condition of this parish is about the same as at the last report. An alteration has been made in the arrangements of the Chancel, by which it is greatly improved, both as respects convenience and appearance, the expense of which, (between five and six hundred dollars) was defrayed by a very few individuals. An association of ladies in the parish has also contributed about two hundred dollars towards other needful improvements in the interior of the Church. The Sunday School has been sustained by the co-operation of a devoted band of

Teachers, several of whom have continued with great perseverance, as in previous years, to visit and provide garments for the children of the poor, that they may not be debarred by poverty from enjoying the privileges of the Church.

During the past year, the Rev. John T. Sabine, for several years a member of this parish,—who by his assistance in the Services of the Church, to the utmost extent of his declining strength, and by his holy and consistent life, had always rendered important aid to the Rector,—has been taken to his rest. And very recently we have been called to suffer a heavy loss by the death of Mr. Robert Appleton, an invaluable member of the Parish, Vestry, and Sunday School.

Church of the Messiah, Boston.

THE REV. GEORGE M. RANDALL, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 18. Marriages, 14. Burials, 25. Confirmed, 9. Communicants : added, 38 ; died or removed, 29 ; present number, 214. Sunday School : Scholars, 169 ; Teachers, 24 ; Librarians, 2 ; Total, 195. Contributions : Communion alms, \$177.41½ ; private donation for the poor, \$5.00 ; weekly offerings, \$226.96 ; Sunday School, for the education of children in Africa and China, \$60.00 ; collection for Sunday School books, \$26.27 ; private donation for books for the Sunday School, \$50.00 ; Ladies' circle, \$65.00 ; Total, \$605.64½.

There are three Libraries connected with the parish ; a Sunday School library, containing 490 vols. ; a Parish library, which has been established during the past year, mainly by the efforts of the ladies' circle, and which numbers about an hundred volumes ; and a library for the use of the teachers, consisting of standard Theological works. This library is designed to aid the teachers of the Sunday School, in the discharge of their responsible duties. A very acceptable donation from a friend of the Sunday School, enabled the Rector to lay the foundation of what he hopes will one day become a very valuable and highly useful collection of books.

One half of the amount of weekly offerings has been appro-

priated to Diocesan Missions, and the remainder to aid in the building of Churches, the relief of aged and indigent Clergymen, the American Sunday School Union, &c.

The congregation is steadily increasing.

Church of the Advent.

THE REV. WILLIAM CROSWELL, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (adults, 7,) 50. Communicants: received from other parishes, 9; newly added, 11; removed, 8; died, 2; present number, 189. Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 19. Burials, 24. Sunday School scholars, 75. Parochial charities, Missionary and other religious offerings, chiefly anonymous, \$1000.

This experiment, so called, of a *free Church*, for the daily worship of God, entirely depending on the voluntary offerings of the worshippers, has been signally successful. The number in attendance on the services is steadily increasing, as well as the amount of consecrated alms, that go up, with our prayers, as a memorial before God, "on the first day of the week."

A Font and Altar, of beautiful proportions and workmanship, after designs by F. Wills, Esq., have been presented to the Church since the last report, from funds bequeathed for this purpose, by a communicant recently deceased.

The Parish are again compelled to complain of the continued denial of their right to Episcopal Visitation, as contemplated by the canons. The list of candidates for confirmation, presented by the Bishop's direction at St. Stephen's Chapel, on Sunday evening, May 18th, is smaller, on this account, than it would have otherwise been.

St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

THE REV. E. M. P. WELLS, Minister.

FREDERICK W. POLLARD, Assistant.

Baptisms, 61. Confirmed, 25. Administrations of the Holy Communion, 26 times. Communicants, over 200, but constantly

varying, and many communicating only once or twice a year; at Easter and Christmas. Marriages, 41. Burials, 35. Sunday School teachers, 13. Scholars, from 70 to 80.

The other services during the year have been daily morning and evening prayer, and on festivals and fasts, the ante-communion service, with a sermon or address at 12 M. Sermons and lectures are also delivered on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The Holy Communion has been celebrated, besides the monthly appointments, on all the occasions, for which "proper prefaces" are specially appointed.

\$445 have been given for Domestic Missions, for general and special objects.

The Episcopal City Mission Sewing Circle have raised \$222.22, for the relief of the poor. This sum has been increased to \$4651.67, by voluntary donations sent in, and has been expended on 4418 occasions. About two thirds of which has been expended as follows, viz: 205 parcels of fuel, 2716 days board, 2900 lodgings, 3150 meals, 1955 large loaves of bread, 1233 parcels of tea and sugar, and over 400 pairs of shoes, stockings, flannels, shirts and other articles of clothing, all new, besides a large amount of second-hand articles. The remainder has been expended chiefly for Sickness, Rent, Travelling and Burials. These have increased the expenses to \$334, beyond what has yet been given.

St. John's Church, East Boston.

THE REV. N. G. ALLEN, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 19. Communicants, 32. Marriages, 5. Burials, 15. Sunday School scholars, 50. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$8.60. Other contributions for religious purposes: Fund for Indigent and Infirm Clergymen, \$2.50; For widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$5.00. For charitable and parochial objects, \$36.89. Total, \$52.99.

The sad calamity which befel this parish, by the destructive gale, in the entire demolition of their new and beautiful house of worship, has once more put their faith to a severe test, and almost extinguished their pious hopes of rearing a temple for the wor-

ship of Almighty God, and the preaching of the everlasting Gospel.

But in consideration of the great need of Missionary labor in this section of the city, and its being isolated from the city proper, another effort, with the sanction and urgent request of the Bishop of the Diocese, will soon be made to erect a church to the Triune Jehovah. And may the Holy Spirit open the hearts of those who are blessed with this world's riches, to contribute liberally to this heavenly object.

The Rector would again bear testimony to the laudable zeal of the parishioners generally, in their continued efforts for the prosperity of the parish; to the Ladies' Sewing Circle, in their persevering labors, by which forty-six dollars and four cents have been realized for parochial purposes, and to the constancy of all his flock, as manifested by their frequent and substantial tokens of affection and regard, and especially as evinced at their late yearly visitation at his residence.

Sixth Annual Report of the Missionary to Seamen in the Port of Boston.

To the RT. REV. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts. }

The close of another Conventional year calls upon the Missionary to report the condition of the Mission under his care, and again to record, with feelings of devout gratitude, the continued evidences of Divine favor and goodness, which have so far followed and blessed the humble instrumentalities which have been employed for the spiritual and temporal good of those "who go down to the sea in ships, and that do business in great waters."

The Mission to Seamen in the port of Boston, may now be considered no longer in the light of an experiment, but as a permanently established institution. In the mind of the Missionary, there has never been any doubt of the ultimate success of this important work of usefulness. The wonder is, not that it has succeeded, but that it had not been undertaken by our Church at an earlier period. When it is considered what numbers of Eng-

lishmen, Swedes, Danes, and Norwegians are found in our mercantile marine, and who, in their own native lands, have been accustomed from infancy to the use of a Liturgy very similar to our own ; and in addition to this, the number of sailors from the British Provinces, crowding our port during the summer months, most of them, more or less acquainted with the services of the Church, we cannot overestimate the importance of providing free churches in our great commercial cities, in which these men may worship God in the way in which they have been brought up. At least nine-tenths of the foreign sailors in our ports, and a portion of our American seamen, are nominally Episcopalians, or Lutherans. Whatever religious training they have enjoyed, has been imparted to them, through the medium of a Liturgy. As a general thing, also, the religious services held on ship-board, are conducted according to some prescribed form. While there are so many, then, whose early prejudices are in favor of a Liturgical worship, we are disposed to believe that hundreds, if not thousands of seamen, since the establishment of our Mission, have been induced to attend our services, who would have spent the day of rest in idleness, or in riot and debauch, had there been no Episcopal Chapel provided for their accommodation. The probability is, that if they cannot find "their own church," or something kindred to it, they will attend no place of worship ; or if they do, they will not hear with so willing a mind and so teachable a heart, the pulpit instructions uttered in connection with an extemporaneous worship, as those which accompany "the form of sound words," to which they have been accustomed.

The services of the Chapel have been held regularly every Sunday, and the Holy Communion administered on the first Sunday of the month.

The attendance on our services has of course varied with the number of seamen in port ; but our congregations have generally been large, and always most orderly and attentive. This fact has been particularly noticed by some of my clerical brethren who have aided me in my labors. On some occasions during the last winter, sailors have left their vessels at Roxbury, Dorchester, and South Boston, and have found their way to our evening service,

cheerfully undertaking a long and cold walk for this purpose, and thus showing their appreciation of the privileges of the Sanctuary.

The plan hitherto adopted, is still pursued, of visiting the boarding houses and vessels for the purpose of conversation with the seamen. On Sunday morning before service, from three to five hundred cards are distributed in the boarding houses, on shipboard, and along the wharves, describing the locality of the Chapel, and the hours of service, also, the time when the Missionary can be found in the Chapel, by those who desire a private interview with him, for religious counsel and advice.

An interesting feature in this Mission, from its commencement, is its charities.

By the kindness of our many friends we have been enabled to supply the wants of many shipwrecked and destitute seamen, by furnishing them with necessary articles of clothing, to an extent beyond what has been done by any similar institution in this city. For the ability to do this, so generously placed in his hands, the Missionary feels truly grateful; and desires to take this occasion to express his thanks to those who have, with such kind hearts and industrious hands, enabled him to alleviate so much suffering.

The distribution of Bibles, in nearly all the European languages, prayer books, and other religious books, tracts, and newspapers, has still been continued, during the week and on each Sunday evening, through the year. It is truly delightful to witness the evident gratitude and pleasure with which, in most instances, these books are received; and we cannot doubt that a vast amount of good is thus effected.

In numerous cases we have had actual evidence that God's Word has "prospered in the thing whereunto it was sent;" and enough of the bread of life, thus literally "cast upon the waters" has returned after many days, to encourage our hearts, and to animate us "not to be weary in" this mode of "well doing."

The hospital has been visited as usual.

The Missionary is rejoiced in being able to report, in conclusion, that during no previous year of its existence has the Mission to Seamen in the port of Boston been more evidently blessed and prospered, than during the last twelve months. Praise be to God

that He has not rejected our humble efforts, but has condescended to use them, and to make them available, as we trust, for the salvation of many souls !

The number of seamen in attendance is about the same as last year. The aggregate of seamen who have worshipped at our Chapel since it was first opened exceeds thirty thousand. Communicants, one hundred and twenty. Marriages, 8. Baptisms, 10. Confirmed, 10. Funerals, 17. Bibles given to seamen : English, 675 ; Swedish, 23 ; Danish, 9 ; German, 26 ; French, 13 ; Spanish, 6 ; Portuguese, 39 ; Total of Bibles, 791. New Testaments : English, 375 ; Swedish, 34 ; Danish, 23 ; German, 19 ; French, 10 ; Spanish, 25 ; Portuguese, 53 ; Italian, 6 ; Total Testaments, 545. 487 Prayer Books. 865 Practical Religious books. Total of books, past year, 2,678. Clothing to shipwrecked and unfortunate seamen, 273 pieces.

The sum total of distribution among seamen, from the commencement of the Mission, is the following : Bibles, 5,656. Testaments, 3,361. Prayer books, 4,645. Religious books, 7,622. Gross amount, 21,284. Clothing, &c., 1,838. During the inclement weather of last winter, the Missionary had a soup-room, where a large number of our most deserving poor received, every other day, a sufficient amount of food for their necessities.

The Missionary is unwilling to close this report without referring to the efficient aid which the Mission has received from its able and excellent Treasurer, B. C. Clark, Esq., who has always taken the greatest interest in the welfare of the Chapel, has been a constant attendant at the services during a portion of every day, and has rendered important assistance to the Missionary, in the distribution of Bibles, &c. His indefatigable kindness and care have thus been of the greatest aid to us, and have set a noble example to other influential laymen, to encourage them to "go and do likewise."

J. P. ROBINSON, *Missionary*.

To the RT. REV. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D., }
 Bishop of Diocese of Massachusetts. }

The Chaplain of the House of Correction, in South Boston, would respectfully submit the following summary of his labors for our last Conventional year.

Baptisms, infants, 5. Marriages, 4. Burials, 12.

In the Sunday School, which numbers 148 scholars, I have offered prayers 104 times, and have given addresses 52.

Have read prayers in public Service 110 times, and preached 108 times.

Have visited the House 303 times, and have had brief private conversations with the prisoners in the work shops, in their various places of employment, and in the cells, 19665.

Have had particular conversations with the prisoners on their being discharged, giving them good advice respecting their future conduct: Men 369, Women 253, making 622.

Of these the following numbers have taken the total abstinence pledge; Men 126, Women 82, making 208.

Have had conversations and prayers with the sick in the Hospitals, as follows: In the men's hospital, conversations 1075, and prayers 183. In the women's hospital, conversations 1428, and prayers 211, making conversations with the sick 2503, and prayers with the same 394.

Have given addresses in the women's work-shop 240, and have had prayers with them 240 times.

In the men's department, at the work-shop, have given addresses 240, and have had prayers with them 240 times.

At the founderies, have given addresses 117, and have had prayers with them 117 times; making the number of addresses in the several shops 471, and the number of prayers 471.

In addition to the labors included in the above schedule, there have been some others of an incidental kind, which could not properly be included in either of the above divisions.

As my former communications have been so full and particular, it will be unnecessary for me to add anything further at present.

SHIPLEY WELLS WILLSON,

Chaplain of the House of Correction, in South Boston.

South Boston, May 19th, 1850.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.

It will be remembered that, at the last annual report, this parish was involved in a very unpleasant controversy, which grew out of certain contested claims to the Church property. At that time the Rev. Wm. Alfred Jenks was Rector of the parish, but the year for which he was engaged having transpired in December last, he resigned his charge, and the public services of the Sanctuary have been since suspended, while the parish has been waiting the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court in regard to the ownership of the church property.

After a full hearing of the subject of controversy, the Court decided that the property was owned by the incorporated parish, and not by a *Private Joint Stock Company*, as was alleged by the respondents in this case.

The church was re-opened for Divine Worship on the first Sunday after Easter, and from present appearances and the very large attendance under existing circumstances, there is every indication that by judicious management and the co-operation of friends of the church, this parish will soon regain its wonted prosperity, and take its stand among the other favored churches of the Diocese.

While it is a source of congratulation that our heavenly Father has not forgotten this feeble branch of the Holy Catholic Church during the darkest hours of its afflictions and trials, yet the expenses of so long and intricate a lawsuit, have incurred a debt which must in some measure tend to retard its progress, unless it has the countenance and support of all faithful and devoted members of our beloved Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted, by

SAM. CLELAND, }
PARKER HALEY, } *Wardens.*

Essex County.*St. Peter's Church, Salem.*

THE REV. WILLIAM R. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 18, adult 1,) 19. Communicants: added 17; died or removed, 7; present number, 226. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 7. Sunday School: Teachers, 20; Scholars, 150. Missionary contributions: General Board, \$196; Massachusetts Board, \$125. Offerings for the Poor, \$127.79. Weekly contributions of S. School, \$20. Collections: for S. School, \$15; for Church in New Bedford, \$20; for Church in Fall River, \$60; for Church at Grand Detour Illinois, \$30; for new church in Liberia, \$29; for American S. S. Union, \$46; for Seaman's Chaplain, Boston, \$46.22; Mass. Tract Society, \$25; Society for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$25. Sewing circle, \$70. Total, \$835.

The condition of the parish, both temporal and spiritual, has not changed materially since the last annual report. The want of a second parish, is becoming more and more pressing. St. Peter's Church cannot be further enlarged; families for many years worshipping in it, and renting pews, have been shut out from the Church, by new families buying the pews, which the former occupants had rented. Other new families wishing to rent pews, are unable to obtain them. The difficulty of securing a suitable lot is believed to be the chief obstacle at present, in the way of the erection of a new church and the formation of a new parish, and that obstacle, it is earnestly hoped, will not exist much longer.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

THE REV. EDWARD BALLARD, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 12. Communicants: added, 3; died or removed, 6; present number, 75. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 3. Burials, 15. Sunday School scholars, 104. Missionary contri-

butions: General Board, \$42.95; Massachusetts Board, \$17.11. Other contributions for religious purposes, \$66.01. Total, \$126.07.

The number of communicants is about to be increased by the addition of the persons recently confirmed. The statistics of the Sunday School, show the children who have been scholars during the year. The average attendance has been about as usual. The library has been increased by a valuable addition of books. Lectures have been held as heretofore, on Friday evenings, throughout the principal part of the year, and a few on Sunday evenings. The attendance has been about as usual. May the Head of the Church grant His blessing upon all the truth preached, and make it to many, as it has been to some, a "savor of life unto life."

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

THE REV. E. A. WASHBURN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 10, adults 2,) 12. Confirmed, 9. Communicants, 114; added, 6. Burials, 12. Contributions to Missions, \$32.75. St. Peter's, Grand Detour, Illinois, \$30.00. Special Missionary gift, \$10.00. Poor Fund and Communion Alms, \$112.77. Other gifts for benevolence, \$19.23.

St. James's Church, Amesbury.

THE REV. WILLIAM WILLIAM, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 18, adults 6,) 24. Communicants; added 17; removed, 1; present number, 47. Confirmed, 13. Sunday School scholars, 38. Communion alms, \$17.50.

I assumed the incumbency of St. James's parish the first Sunday after Trinity, in June last. Since then the congregation has encouragingly increased. Although the numerical increase of a church is not always to be regarded as a sure criterion of spiritual growth, yet, in the present instance, I have strong reasons for believing that our accessions have very materially contributed to elevate the standard of true piety among us. During the season

of Advent, I delivered a series of Lectures, which were exceedingly well attended. Public services were held every Wednesday, morning and evening, during Lent, and every day during Passion week. My catechetical class numbers about twenty. It has furnished a good proportion of those who have been confirmed. The Church may safely be said to be in a prosperous condition, for which I thank God and take courage.

Christ Church, Andover.

THE REV. S. FULLER, D. D., Rector,

Baptisms, infants, 7. Communicants : added, 12 ; died or removed, 7 ; present number, 85. Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 1. Burials, 5. Sunday School scholars, 75. Missionary and other contributions : General Board, \$130.25 ; viz : for support of two native scholars at Cape Palmas, \$40 ; Foreign Committee, \$65.25 ; Domestic, \$25. Diocesan Board, \$50, including \$30 to Eastern District Association, for Rev. Geo. Packard. Diocesan Mission for Seamen, \$20. Diocesan Tract Committee, \$13. Diocesan Society for relief of widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$17.25. Towards erection of new church in Lawrence, \$510. Avails of Ladies' Sewing Society, \$235 ; Parish Sunday School, \$20.40. Books and tracts distributed in the congregation, \$13.47. Total, 1009.37.

In connection with the requisite statistics, it may be proper here to record, that since the last Convention, the generous bequest of \$2000, by the late B. H. Punchard, Esq., to our General Missionary Society, to be equally divided between its two Committees, has been paid ; and also gratefully to acknowledge the liberal and most seasonable kindness, at all times, of the parishioners to the Rector and his family, but especially during his absence the last summer, on account of protracted indisposition, which however, by a merciful Providence has at length been removed.

The parish, through the blessing of Christ, our Lord, still exhibits most gratifying indications of unabated vigor and continued prosperity.

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.

THE REV. ISAAC W. HALLAM, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 8. Communicants : added, 10 ; died or removed, 5 ; present number, 47. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 4. Burials, 4. Sunday School scholars, 40. Offering at Communion, \$43.91. Thank offering, \$20. Ladies' sewing Society, \$75. Sunday school, \$2.50. Total, \$141.41.

Grace Church, Lawrence.

THE REV. GEORGE PACKARD, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 16, adults 3,) 19. Communicants : added, 36 ; died or removed, 12 ; present number, 92. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 10. Burials, 14, (6 in Andover, during absence of the Rector of Christ Church.) Sunday School scholars, 70. Missionary contributions : Massachusetts Board, \$26.89 ; General Board ; Domestic, \$9.50 ; Foreign, \$8.00. Lent collection for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased clergymen \$9.28. Offertory, \$85.80. Alms from an individual, deposited in the Rector's hands, \$8.00. Ladies' sewing circle, \$348.50. Total, \$495.97.

The parish of Grace Church is lengthening its cords and strengthening its stakes. The small, but truly church-like building, which we have occupied more than four years, has for some time been too strait for our accommodation, and several families are now waiting for room in the new church, which, we trust, will be ready for use by November. It is to be of stone, of good size, and to cost from 8 to 9000 dollars. It is to be a parish church, no individual proprietorship being allowed, and when completed, will be paid for. The parish was determined to submit to their present inconveniences for a longer time, than to have upon them the incubus of debt, and resolved to make no serious movements towards building, till the amount needed was secured. To the object, they have subscribed among themselves

\$3955, (\$500 being subscribed by the ladies' sewing circle) which is remarkably well, considering that it is "*to their power (I bear record), yea and beyond their power;*"—that the population of manufacturing towns is particularly changeable, and that what is done is upon the donation principle. For the remainder, we are to be indebted to the generous friends of the Church in Boston, Andover, Lowell and Salem, and some few others who are interested in the prosperity of the town. The greater part is already pledged.

Middlesex County.

Christ Church, Cambridge.

THE REV. N. HOPPIN, Rector.

Baptisms, infants 9, Confirmed, 13. Communicants: added, 21; died or removed, 12; present number, 103. Marriages, 3. Burials, 5. Sunday School scholars, 30. Missionary contributions: General Foreign, \$63.00; General Domestic, \$68.00; Massachusetts Diocesan Board, \$68.26; Boston Seamen's Mission, \$50.00. Saint John's Church, Milwaukie, \$83.00. Ascension Church, Fall River, \$10.00. Sunday School, \$10.00. Alms for the Poor, \$156.62. Total, \$528.88.

The condition of the parish is considered as encouraging. During the last summer, the Church was repaired, the interior painted, and a small portion of the pews altered, with a view to accommodate a greater number of worshippers. The want of room however is still felt. Between thirty and forty undergraduates from the University attend public worship with us during term time, in addition to a number of students from the Law and Scientific Schools.

It is to be hoped that a degree of advancement has been made in spiritual prosperity, and that some are growing in love for the ways of religion.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridge.

[No Report.]

Grace Church, Cambridge.

THE REV. A. C. PATTERSON, late Rector.

Families, 30. Baptisms, infants, 5. Communicants, 14. Marriages, 1.

The Parishioners, anxious for a Church edifice as an essential requisite for the permanent progress of the Parish, subscribed a liberal sum towards that object. As, however, this sum did not reach to half of the whole amount required to erect a church, the condition on which the Board of Commissioners for Church Extension give their aid, that Board declined affording encouragement in this case. And the parish, feeling that their permanent progress depended on the near prospect of a Church edifice, felt themselves compelled, under the circumstances, to suspend their services about the first of April.

Their Rector has taken a temporary charge of St. John's Church, Charlestown, where he has baptized 1 infant, in addition to those above named for Cambridge.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

THE REV. THEODORE EDSON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 90, adults, 3,) 93. Communicants: added, 17; died or removed, 22; present number, 326. Confirmed, 22. Married, 29. Buried, 31. Contributions: for Domestic Missions of General Board, \$75; Foreign Missions, General Board, \$50. Home Missions, \$71.50. Total, \$196.50.

The enterprise connected with St. Anne's Chapel, referred to in report of last year, highly successful and generously supported by the contributions of our people, was by the committee who had the matter in charge given up, and the services discontinued.

St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls.

THE REV. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 14. Communicants: added, 2; died or removed, 8; present number, 114. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 6. Burials, 8. Sunday School Scholars, 135. Missionary Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$20; Domestic and Foreign Missionary Board, \$40. For Seamen's Mission in the city of Boston, \$26. Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$16.74.

The Congregation of St. Mary's, continues respectable in point of numbers, as in other respects. The Sunday School is large and flourishing. In order, however, to maintain the prosperous position which this parish has long enjoyed among the Churches of this Diocese, a degree of vigorous pastoral duty is called for, and occasional week-day public service, which the present diseased state of my eyes, and other physical infirmities, prevent me from performing with satisfaction and comfort to myself, and what is far more important, in such a manner as the good of the Church, and the best interests of the parishioners seem to require.

Having now entered upon the *thirtieth* year of my Ministry in this parish, no trivial matter could induce me, even to think seriously of relinquishing my station, and of resigning my cure.

Acting under the advice of eminent occultists and others, whose opinion is, in my estimation, entitled to respectful consideration; after due deliberation and earnest prayer to God for guidance and direction, I notified the parish of St. Mary's Church, on Easter-Monday last past, of my wish to retire, as soon as practicable, from my position as their Rector.

An answer to my communication to them upon this subject has since been received, in which they yield their assent, to what appears to me my duty in this matter, and in language expressive of the sympathy, respect, and affection, which should ever animate the hearts of minister and people.

Measures of course are, or will soon be, in train towards supplying the vacant Rectorship of St. Mary's. May the great Head

of the Church send them a pious, able and zealous Pastor ; whose labors shall be abundantly blessed in the salvation of the flock committed to his charge !

It may not be foreign to the object of this report to subjoin the following statement. Since my settlement in Newton, Lower Falls, I have been accustomed to perform, voluntarily, Missionary services in the county of Middlesex, as opportunity offered, and circumstances seemed to favor.

Since the last annual Convention of this Diocese, I have officiated on several different occasions in the vacant parish of St. Paul's, Hopkinton, as will appear on inspecting the parochial report from that Church, for the present year. More recently I have held Sunday evening Service at Newtonville, three miles distant from St. Mary's ; and where there is some prospect of establishing a second congregation in this ancient town.

There are several localities in the county of Middlesex, where it is believed the services of our Church, if once introduced, would be well received, and prove eminently useful. Such is especially the case with respect to that part of the town of Framingham, called Saxonville. Here, we find, there are more than twenty families of operatives, connected with an extensive manufacturing establishment in that village, who were nurtured in the bosom of the Church of England ; and continue to evince a most commendable attachment to the principles in which they have been educated. Having recently administered the Holy Sacrament of baptism to three infants who were presented at the font of St. Mary's Church, from that place, (nine miles distant,) I have promised (D. V.) to visit these people, to celebrate Divine Service, and preach in their neighborhood, during the present season.

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.

The undersigned, on Sunday following the Session of the last Convention of the Church in Massachusetts, fulfilled an appointment of some months standing, to officiate in this vacant parish. As was anticipated, the attendance was small, and the prospects of the Parish appeared to be dark and distant. A second appointment, however, was made for the last Sunday in June. On

that occasion there was a small increase in the congregation who attended Church, and some interest evinced on the part of a few individuals to "strengthen the things which remain." The undersigned was in consequence induced to officiate on the last Sunday of each month, till October 27th, when his visits to this little flock were concluded for the season, by holding a third service in the evening; on that occasion the church was well filled with people. He has baptized in this Parish, three infants, and administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to eight apparently very devout recipients. On the 23d day of December, last year, he was again induced to visit Hopkinton, for the purpose of officiating at the funeral of a most estimable communicant of St. Paul's. The burial service was performed in the Church, and a sermon, adapted to that solemn occasion, was preached to a large and attentive auditory.

The population of Hopkinton is now about three thousand, and contains but two places of public worship, exclusive of the Church. The Congregational Meeting House is said to be full, so that sittings are with difficulty obtained. The Papists have recently erected a spacious house, which is crowded with Irish operatives, employed in several small manufacturing establishments in that place, and the neighboring towns. It would seem therefore, that there is at least a sufficient population in this town unprovided for, to justify the belief that a congregation might here be gathered into the fold of Christ's Church. Though the efforts heretofore made to establish the Parish of St. Paul's, Hopkinton, have proved it would seem unsuccessful; yet we feel confident, that a judicious Clergyman located in this place, whose services should prove acceptable to the people, "by patient continuance in well doing," would find that he neither labored among them "in vain, nor spent his strength for nought."

The glebe lands belonging to this Parish are comparatively valuable, and have this spring been disposed of in a manner which it is thought will ultimately render them increasingly so. Besides furnishing a resident minister with fuel for the consumption of a family, there will be realized a rental from the estate this year of fifty dollars, exclusive of taxes and all other expenses.

ALFRED L. BAURY.

St. John's Church, Charlestown.

THE REV. P. H. GREENLEAF, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 17, adults 1,) 18. Marriages, 9. Burials, 11. Communicants, about 100. Sunday School: Scholars, 69; Teachers, 12; Total, 81. Offertory and other collections, \$470.00.

The Rector of this parish resigned its charge, after six months notice to the Vestry, on Easter Monday last, and has accepted the Rectorship of St. Mark's Church, Boston. In retiring from a faithful service of nearly ten years at this place, he desires to record his grateful sense of the kindness and consideration, with which his ministrations have been received by the great majority of the parishioners. The beautiful testimonial he received, at parting, from the devoted band of Sunday School Teachers, with whom he has so long labored, gave him additional proof of the affection with which his labors have been blessed. A small class of catechumens were preparing for confirmation, but no suitable opportunity occurred for their presentation during the winter. In reviewing his ministry, the Rector is glad to be able to add, that although, from the continual changes in the congregation, few persons now remain, of those who commenced with him the relations of pastor and people, yet in the numbers added yearly to the communion, and in those presented for confirmation under his ministrations, and in the collection of nearly *ten thousand dollars* for parochial benefit, through his personal instrumentality, he is satisfied he has not labored in vain.

Grace Church, Medford.

THE REV. D. G. HASKINS, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 11. Communicants: added, 10; died or removed, 17; present number, 38. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 3. Burials, 2. Sabbath School Scholars, 19. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$52.32; Massachusetts Board, \$4.93: Offertory Contributions, \$95.82.

Although the above report shows a falling off in the number of Communicants, still, the number of parishioners, who are stated worshippers, is greater than at any previous period.

Christ Church, Waltham.

THE REV. T. F. FALES, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 5, adults 6,) 11. Communicants: added, 15; died or removed, 2; present number, 48. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 3. Burials, 2. Sunday School: Teachers, 9; Scholars, 66. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$116.00; Massachusetts Board, \$44.50; Ladies' sewing circle for Missions in Maine, \$30; Sunday School, for Church in Cavalla, \$25. Other contributions, \$199.30. Total, \$414.80.

In addition to the number reported in these statistics, we hope that five or six persons will be confirmed on the Sunday immediately following the Convention. We have not seen so many evidences of advancement in this parish as we had hoped to see, but in looking back upon another year, we find most decided cause to thank God and take courage. Every day has shown that a wide door of usefulness is open before our Church in this community, and we trust that, by the blessing of God, it will exert a growing influence for good.

Norfolk County.

Christ Church, Quincy.

[No Report.]

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

THE REV. S. B. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 11, adults 1,) 12. Communicants: added, 12; died or removed, 10; present number, 87. Confirmed, 4.

Marriages, 4. Burials, 8. Sunday School : Scholars, 80 ; Teachers, 10. Missionary Contributions : General Board, \$26 ; Massachusetts Board, \$12.50 ; Seamen's Mission, \$30. Other religious contributions, \$545. Total, \$613.50.

The appropriation to Seamen's Mission, is from the Ladies' Society. They have also furnished to the same object, large bundles of clothing.

Additional to the sums above reported, a handsome sum has been paid for an organ, valued at 1200 or 1500 dollars, presented by two gentlemen, who have for many years been the steadfast friends of this parish. The instrument speaks for itself, and its manufacturers, as well as for the donors and congregation ; is beautiful in finish, and in design and painting harmonizes with the architecture of the church.

We have the pleasure of seeing increasing congregations, and our clerical friends report us as an orderly and attentive people, well and truly observing all proprieties of worship.

But man looketh on the outward appearance. We trust that the Discerner of hearts witnesses that actual humility and cheerful piety, which truly designate a child of God and heir of Heaven.

The review of the past year is, at least to the writer, gratifying ; and he prays for the continued blessings of God on the people of his charge, and that, at the last, one and all may be "accepted in the Beloved."

St. James's Church, Roxbury.

THE REV. JOHN WAYLAND, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 12, adults 1,) 13. The number of Communicants is about the same as last year, but what it is, cannot be told exactly, as so many have only a transient residence in this city. This renders the attendance at the Holy Communion very fluctuating. Two have died during the year. Two have been confirmed. There have been 6 marriages, and 11 burials, most of the latter foreigners. The number of Scholars in our Sunday School varies, for the same cause as was stated above.

Where the population is so transient, this must always be the case, and though it presents many discouragements, yet efforts are constantly made by the Rector and Teachers to replenish the ranks as they are thinned by removal. Nothing has occurred in the parish during the year worthy of special remark.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.

THE REV. EDMUND F. SLATTERY, Rector.

Baptisms, 3. Communicants: added, 15; removed, 8; present number, 63. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 3. Burials, 7. Sunday School Scholars, 40. Contributions at the offertory, \$175.91. Other contributions, by members of the parish for charitable objects, \$3.30. Sunday School offerings during the last six months, for the support of a child at the Mission School in China, \$12. By the Ladies' Association of St. John's Church, \$363.41. Total, \$881.32.

St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.

THE REV. G. W. PORTER, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 6. Married, 3. Confirmed, 8. Died, 3. Whole number of Communicants, 53. Added, 11. Amount of contributions for religious and charitable purposes, \$75.

St. Mary's is in a prosperous and progressive state. Divine service is celebrated, besides Sundays, on all holidays throughout the year. Our Sunday School, though not large, is in a flourishing condition. Our Church has been greatly beautified by an elegant and appropriate Chancel Window of stained glass, the gift of "one who loves the Church."

St. Paul's Church, Brookline.

THE REV. WILLIAM HORTON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adults 1,) 7. Communicants: removed, 4; present number, 35. Confirmed, 6. Burials, 1. Scholars

of Sunday School, about 30. Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$45.31; for Church at Cavalla, Africa, from Sunday School, \$12.03; Domestic Missions, for Bishop Chase, Illinois, from Sunday School, \$12.03; for Diocesan Missions, \$10; American Sunday School Union, \$10; Communion offerings, \$46.90. Total, \$136.27.

Plymouth County.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 8, adults 3,) 11, Communicants; added, 6; died or removed, 5; present number, 103. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 5. Burials, 7. Sabbath School Scholars, 60. Missionary Contributions: to General Board, \$87.71; to Massachusetts Board, \$17.50. Other contributions for religious purposes, \$138.88. Total amount, \$244.09.

Among the contributions to the General Board of Missions is included \$25.00 from the Dorcas Society, being their fourth payment of the same amount, for the support of a child in China; also \$12.71 from the Sunday School, to aid in building a school house for girls at Shanghai; also \$10 from an individual for the church building in Cavalla.

The contributions for religious purposes include: To aid in church building at Old Town, Maine, \$10.00; and Fall River, Massachusetts, \$21.16; for Seamen's Mission, \$9.00; aged and indigent Clergymen, \$6.00; other Clergymen, \$27.00; Tract distribution, \$14.44; and from the young ladies' Sewing Society, to Kenyon College, Ohio, for educational purposes, \$30.00.

Trinity Church, Marshfield.

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

I continue to report to the Convention the nominal existence of this parish, although religious services have not been held in the Church since the last Convention.

The number of Episcopalians is so small, that it is difficult to have the services of the Church so conducted as to conduce to edification. The distance from Hanover, moreover, is not so great as to prevent the attendance of some of the communicants whose names have been continued as members of this parish.

The number of communicants thus registered is 8. Contributions : General Board, \$1.00; Massachusetts Board, \$2.00; Seamen's Mission, \$1.00; Tract Society, \$1.00. Total, \$5.00.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

THE REV. WILLIAM WARLAND, late Minister.

Since the last annual Convention, and during my connection with this parish, I have baptized eight children, solemnized one marriage, and attended two funerals. On the 1st of January, last, I removed from Bridgewater, to take charge of St. Peter's, Hebron, in the Diocese of Connecticut.

THE REV. ASA EATON, D. D., Rector.

THE REV. H. N. HUDSON, Assistant Minister.

The present incumbent was elected to the Rectorship of this Church, on the eighth day of July last.

The Rev. H. N. Hudson was subsequently chosen Assistant Minister, and has statedly officiated in the Church since the first Sunday in Advent.

In the present state of the parish, it has been found impracticable to ascertain the precise number of adhering communicants. Confirmed, 2. Buried, 1. Scholars in the Sunday School, 10.

Christ Church, Plymouth.

THE REV. BENJAMIN B. BABBITT, Minister.

Baptisms, infants, 4. Communicants: added, 9; died or removed, 1; present number, 25. Burials, 1. Sunday School

Scholars, 23. Missionary contributions: Missionary Board, \$4. Other contributions for religious purposes, were Communion alms, and Christmas offerings, \$14.90. Raised by subscription for parish purposes, \$103.00. Pew rents, \$51.50.

This year has been one of unusual expense with us, in the altering of the furnace, in the purchase and hanging of the bell, and in the repairing of the fallen plaster. The expense thus incurred has been fairly and honorably met, although it has fallen upon a very few, and those not of the richer class in the community. We have however to lament the fact, that many, who come in among us to the worship of the sanctuary, show that they are not of us, by utterly refusing to bear any part in the support of the parish, and sometimes they deny what is justly due us, in the rent of pews.

Services have been maintained on Sunday throughout the year, with one or two unavoidable exceptions. By counting every Sunday, the average attendance appears to have been, in the morning 55, in the afternoon 96. On the more important festivals, and fasts, when the church has been opened, the attendance has given signs of an increasing interest in the Church, as well as the decreasing opposition of her enemies.

Since the visit of the Bishop, there has been formed a Ladies' Missionary Society, which promises great good to the parish. In the preliminary measures for organization thus far, remarkable unanimity of feeling and purpose have appeared. Could we be only seconded by the patronage of Christians elsewhere, our success would be certain.

Among the objects for which this society has been formed, is that of increasing the Sabbath School. Many hundreds of children are growing up all around us, without Christian discipline, or Christian education. Had we the means, we might establish a Sunday school here in the midst of as needy a population, as ever crowded the streets of the city. Will not our more favored brethren sometimes think of Plymouth, in their donations?

Comparing the present condition of the parish, with its past history, we find much to encourage, though our progress has not equalled our expectations. Our list of communicants is now larger than ever before. Though the increase has come from the

gathering in of those who have come to us from other churches of our own communion, and chiefly from the Church of England, and so the Church in general has not been enlarged; yet our parish has been strengthened, and many a Christian soul saved from the enemy.

Our attendance has nearly doubled, according to the general average of *all* the Sundays in the year; while on all the pleasant Sundays it has more than doubled, and often the seats have been almost entirely filled. The business of the place is increasing; and many young men, engaged in active business, come in to the worship of the Lord with us.

Too sadly true it is, that more has not been done; we have to lament that none have come out from among us, to take upon themselves the vows of the Lord. Our own selves, it is to be feared, have not had faith enough nor energy enough in the work. Our enemies have shifted their ground, and treat us with silent contempt, instead of open denunciation, as formerly; while the power of religion itself, in this the fountain-source of New England theology, seems to have been almost entirely overthrown, in the deluge of rationalism and infidelity which rolls over the minds of the people.

While the simple statements above given, are sufficient to show the reason why no farther advance has been made, there yet appears to the minds of the faithful here, much to encourage.

Every step forward has been a real progress towards final, complete success. We have a bell, we have every attraction that can arrest the attention of the man of taste, in our church. Our church is being surrounded with new streets, and people are building near it; while none dare any longer openly to speak evil of us.

Our Church here is, in every sense of the word, a Missionary station, and should be supported as such, for some time to come; and though we may make no more progress this year, than the last, yet we should not then give up in despair. If supported, this station will, in the end, prove the centre of a powerful moral influence, and may be made the basis of a series of valuable operations for the extension of the Church. Let me therefore assure those who have hitherto supported us, and encouraged us

by their prayers, and their contributions, that their labor has not been thrown away, that they ought to take courage, and have faith in our final success.

Bristol County.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

THE REV. THEODORE W. SNOW, Rector.

Baptisms, infants 18. Communicants: added, 14; died or removed, 4; present number, 146. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 5. Burials, 8. Sunday School Scholars, 165. Missionary contributions: Foreign Board, \$70.40; Domestic Board, \$115.37; Diocesan Board, \$90.00. Church-Building and furnishing, \$110. Alms at the Offertory, \$152.43. Special Appropriations to Missionaries in the Diocese, \$70.00. Other charities in smaller sums, \$129.00. Building of a Rectory, \$3000.00. Total, \$3737.20.

The above statistics indicate, we think, a vigorous and healthful prosperity. It is pleasant to place on record the appropriation of such a liberal sum as \$3000, for the building of a Rectory, amongst the many generous acts which have marked the history of this parish. For \$300 of the amount we must thank the Young Ladies' Sewing Circle, the efforts of which for this object, as well as for the relief of the poor, have been highly gratifying. The Sunday School has never been so large, and never more interesting, than during the past year. It has raised \$111.45 of the amount above reported, and under the efficient superintendence and instruction with which it is favored, is fulfilling our warmest hopes. A new plan is under consideration for increasing the sittings in the church. The desirableness of doing this in some way has been felt ever since we abandoned the idea of enlarging the building, by inserting a second section, as inexpedient. We now think of putting up a projection from the south or west wall, level with the floor of the church, and capable of containing the organ. This will give us about twelve pews in the present loft. Should this plan prove feasible, it will add much to our comfort and convenience.

Grace Church, New Bedford.

THE REV. S. J. HORTON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 10, adults 3,) 13. Confirmed, 7. Funerals, 9. Marriages, 7. Communicants: added, 14; died or removed, 3; present number, 104. Sunday School: Scholars, 70; Teachers, 10.

The condition of the parish seems to be gradually improving. The efforts made during the last year to relieve the church of a debt of \$3000, have been successful. Although surrounding circumstances must necessarily cause the progress to be slow, yet we have reason to hope, from present appearance, that it will continue to increase in strength and influence.

Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

THE REV. EMERY M. PORTER, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 1, children 21,) 22. Communicants: added, 9; died or removed, 12; present number, 75. Confirmed, 6. Burials, 7. Scholars in Sunday School, 100. Contributions for religious purposes: for Diocesan Missions, \$8; Erection of a Church within the parish, about \$1000; Communion offerings, \$37.84. Total, \$1045.84.

Of the amount contributed to the building of the church, as stated above, \$175 were paid by the Ladies' Sewing Circle, who continue their zealous, and in the circumstances of the parish, almost *necessary* labors.

Since the last report, a great change has, providentially, come over the prospects of the parish, in the loss of their church by fire. Whether this disaster will prove a serious one to the interests of the people, remains yet to be seen. It is hoped, however, that a blessing will arise to them out of the ashes of this affliction. Active measures have been taken to obtain subscriptions at home and abroad, for the erection of another edifice. Success, through God's blessing, has so far attended the efforts. A plan has been procured, the contract for building is about being made, and it is expected that soon the walls will begin to arise, to the joy of

every heart among us. Sums obtained abroad, chiefly in the wealthier parishes of the Diocese, in aid of the object, amount to about \$3000. The services of the Church are still kept up, though at a considerable inconvenience ; while an unusual depression in the business of the place, has affected the attendance, by removals and otherwise.

It needs to be added, that contributions towards the building of the church are yet wanted ; also (it is hoped the hint will not be useless) books for the pulpit and the reading desk, a Font, and an Organ, are *desiderata* for the requisite order of public worship. Who will *practically* think of us in these our needs ?

Christ Church, Swansea.

THE REV. JOHN B. RICHMOND, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 1, adults 1,) 2. Communicants : added, 2 ; present number, 19. Confirmed, 2. Married, 1. Sunday Scholars, 30. Teachers, 4. Missionary and other contributions, \$26.78.

From the above statistics it is apparent, that while this parish the past year has not made much increase as to numbers, yet by the blessing of God upon the preached Word, and the administration of the Holy Ordinances of his Church, that it has maintained its ground ; and as we have every reason to hope and believe, is spiritually progressing. A beautiful Font of Pictou stone, which cost about thirty dollars, has been presented to the parish by the Ladies of St. Michael's Church, Bristol, at the suggestion of Mrs. Lucretia S. Bradford, a communicant in that parish ; thus showing how much may be accomplished in a small way, when the heart is engaged in the cause of Christ and his Church. The Ladies of our Sewing Circle, though few in number, have by commendable zeal and diligence in their labor of love the past year, insured the church at one of the best offices in the state, for seven years, and have placed the balance of funds on hand, at interest, to be appropriated to whatever object they shall deem most essential to the welfare of the parish. This parish will need the fostering care of the Board of Missions for some time to come, placed as it is in the midst of error of every

hue. The work it is destined under God to accomplish, cannot be done *in a day, nor an hour*; it is the work of years, to be carried on in patience, in prayer, and with the divine blessing, without which all else is vain. May God in his infinite goodness ever bless this people with the faithful preaching of his word, and with the outpouring of his Holy Spirit; thus shall they become strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Trinity Church, Pawtucket.

[No Report.]

Nantucket County.

St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.

THE REV. ETHAN ALLEN, Rector.

Baptisms, 2. Communicants: added, 9; died or removed, 2; present number, 47. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. Sunday School Scholars, 60. Missionary contributions; General Board, \$8; Massachusetts Board, \$5.97; for aged and infirm Clergymen, \$2.25; for widows and orphans, \$2.50; for the Jews, \$1.61; Communion offerings, \$22. The following sums have also been raised: for the purchase of a Reed Organ, \$65; for staining church, \$45; for steps and finial to the same, \$15; for Sunday School books, \$15; Sunday collections, \$75. The Ladies' Society has raised and expended, chiefly for church furniture, \$55. These statistics show an advance on the pecuniary contributions of any former year, and it is matter of thankfulness to God who has thus inclined the hearts of his faithful people to give of their substance in the cause of their divine Lord and Master.

The state of the parish differs not materially from what it was at the last report. The Sunday School attendance has been larger than any year before. The Ladies' Sewing Society has been re-organized, and now numbers more than thirty members. They are pursuing with energy the objects of their association, determined still to aid the cause of Christ and of his Church.

Worcester County.*St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.*

THE REV. DANIEL L. B. GOODWIN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 11, adults 1,) 12. Communicants: added, 1; died or removed, 8; present number, 75. Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 5. Burials, 16. Sunday School Scholars, 65. Missionary contributions: General Board, \$18.45; Massachusetts Board, \$6.00.

Of the state of the parish, little that is encouraging can be said. By deaths and removals the number of communicants has been diminished, while the increase has been very small. Of the number of communicants reported above, it should be stated that about one third, from various causes, as distance from church, old age, and disaffection, do not attend worship. There is not however any falling off in the general attendance. Other services than those of Sunday appear not to be called for. Of parochial service a large part is performed in families, in no way connected with this congregation.

All Saints' Church, Worcester.

THE REV. N. T. BENT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 15, adults 3,) 18. Communicants: added, 10; died or removed, 5; present number, 62. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 6. Burials, 7. Sunday School Scholars, 50. Contributions: General Board, Domestic, \$14.09; Foreign, \$7.50; Alms for the poor, \$40.31; other charitable objects, \$13.34.

The parish of All Saints was reported last year as, for the first time, under the experiment of self-support. One year of this experiment has passed successfully, and a second begun under still better prospects and enlarged resources. The parish is enjoying internal harmony, and increasing, as we trust, in external favor; and faith and patience, we believe, will not wait in vain for their harvest in this important field. Greater spiritual fruits are our need and our hope.

Christ Church, Clappville.

THE REV. JOHN H. ROUSE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 8, adults 2,) 10. Communicants: added, 11; died or removed, 2; present number, 42. Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 2. Burials, 6. Sunday School Scholars, 50. Missionary contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$12; other contributions for religious purposes, \$100.

The regular and appointed services of the Church for the Lord's day, together with all the leading Festivals and Fasts, have been performed throughout the last Conventional year, strictly in conformity with the Rubrics, with but one single interruption, which was occasioned by the extreme inclemency of the weather. And though we are not permitted to rejoice in any marked or striking indications of religious interest at present, still the general prospects of the parish, in every point of view, are, I think, decidedly encouraging; indeed, it is thought by the friends of the Church in this community, more encouraging than at any former period. And yet it is impossible to know what may be in store for us in time to come, whether prosperity or adversity. We can only use the means faithfully and prayerfully, which the Great Head of the Church has provided, looking to him alone for a blessing. In other words, we can "plant and we can water, but God must give the increase."

St. John's Church, Millville.

THE REV. JOHN W. BIRCHMORE, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 4. Communicants: added, 10; removed, 1; present number, 18. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 1. Contributions to Massachusetts Board, \$9.16. Other contributions have been made by members of the parish, which have been devoted towards paying for the church that has been in course of erection during the past year.

The clergyman will say, respecting his parish, that two years ago it seemed a soil most uncongenial to the Church, but that

during the two years past, with the aid of our fellow Christians in this Diocese, in Rhode Island, in Connecticut and in New York, we have erected and nearly paid for, a neat, substantial church, built of stone, having 350 sittings. The amount lacking we are now endeavoring to raise, in order to have the church consecrated. Nearly all the pews are rented, and they are occupied by a congregation most respectable in numbers and appearance ; the propriety of whose conduct is remarked by all.

While this success is a matter of honest congratulation to the Church, it may serve to encourage those brethren who have bestowed their alms on this parish, to give yet more freely to plant the gospel in the waste places of our land, for that they shall receive a rich reward in the gratitude of those whom they have benefited, and shall "lay up in store a good foundation against the time to come." Tim. vi. 17—19.

Finally, we praise God that he hath caused to prosper the plans laid two years ago, by "two or three gathered together in his name," and thus that we have advanced from the position of a missionary station, to the rank of a self-supporting parish.

Hampton County.

Christ Church, Springfield.

THE REV. A. N. LITTLEJOHN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 12, adults 2,) 14. Communicants: added, 14; died or removed, 7; present number, 143. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 10. Burials, 12. Sunday School Scholars, 80. Missionary contributions: Foreign Missions, \$28.00; Domestic, \$42.00; Massachusetts Board, \$32.62; Missions within the Diocese, not passing through the hands of the Board, \$60.00; Domestic Missions, not passing through the hands of the Board, \$25.00; Widows and Orphans Society, \$10; Offertory, \$166.39. Total, \$364.01.

The temporalities of this parish are admirably managed. The heavy advance in pew rent alluded to in last year's report has been cheerfully and promptly paid, and the same rates have been

continued. The enlargement of the church has been commenced. It is believed that it will be completed in six months. The outlay, including the purchase of additional ground room, will be at least four thousand dollars.

The present condition of the parish shows many and most gratifying proofs of increasing strength. Nearly all that has been done during the year past, has been marked with zeal, unanimity and liberality; and while so much attention has been given to its temporal prosperity, it is hoped that there has been no neglect of its spiritual interests.

Grace Church, Chicopee.

[No Report.]

Trinity Church, Holyoke.

[No Report.]

Hampshire County.

St. John's Church, Northampton.

THE REV. HENRY BURROUGHS, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 7. Communicants: added, 14; died or removed, 12: present number, 75. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 3. Burials, 2. Sunday School Scholars, 40. Missionary contributions: General Board, \$15; Massachusetts Board, \$5. Other contributions for religious purposes: for St. John's Church, Millville, \$5; Grace Church, Chicopee, \$15.

Great exertions have been made to maintain the services of the Church without aid from abroad, and consequently less has been done for missions than might have been expected in a parish which has 75 communicants. When a small amount of debt, which still remains, has been paid, it is hoped that this church will be able to contribute more liberally both to the Diocesan and

General Board. The congregation although still small, is increasing in numbers, and more pews are rented and occupied now than at any former period.

Franklin County.

St. James's Church, Greenfield.

THE REV. T. STRONG, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 5, children 17,) 22, Communicants : added, 10 ; died or removed, 6 ; whole number, 78. Burials, 14. Marriages, 13. Confirmed, 7. Sunday School Scholars, 45. Contributions : General Board, Domestic Missions, \$40.00 ; Foreign Missions, \$50.00. Other contributions for religious purposes, including assistance to Rector, purchase of bell, building churches, &c. \$300.

The concerns and prospects of this parish are more than ordinarily encouraging. The demand for seats in the church, is greater than the supply ; and there is evidently an increasing interest in the services of the sanctuary. During the past year, the health of the Rector has been such as to interrupt, in some measure, the regular and usual discharge of his duties ; and for more than three months he was furnished with ministerial aid from other Dioceses. What may be the condition of himself or his parish for the coming year, is known only to Him who " does all things well." To his disposal we commit, in faith and trust, all our hopes and all our cares.

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

THE REV. W. WITHERINGTON, Minister.

Baptisms, infants, 1. Communicants : died or removed, 3 ; present number, 27. Burials, 8. Missionary contributions, Massachusetts Board, \$7. Other contributions for religious purposes, \$6.10 communion offerings.

The number of communicants reported, is seven less than by the last report ; it is believed however, that the diminution is more

nominal than real. The rule followed has been, to set down only such as, living in this or an adjoining town, are known (so far as recollection serves) to have been to the communion during the year, adding one veteran member kept at home by bodily infirmity. Several, who would come under the general rule, have been omitted, their ecclesiastical tendencies being doubtful.

The "Spirit of Missions" is not sent to us. Being uncertified, whether the General Board were in lack or in superfluity, we have made no contributions to its funds.

I regret to say, the Sunday School has not been re-assembled this spring. My health has been such, as with great difficulty to go through the usual Sunday exercises. Frequently the alternative has been, to omit considerable portions, or to omit altogether. I have failed to enlist such interest and assistance in the school, as would relieve me from the weight of superintendence. So I have, reluctantly, thus far abstained from attempting to re-organize.

The same cause may forbid me to resume, or to long continue, the duties I have thus imperfectly discharged during the past eleven months.

It is believed that few of our Churches would stand better than this, if the several congregations should be compared with the whole neighboring population. This does not imply a large congregation here, nor can a large increase be speedily expected. This town, like the grazing region of New England generally, has been steadily losing population the last twenty years. Society is in a transition state,—mind has reached the pass where it proves all things, without security for holding fast what is good; so good and bad are oft confounded, and thrown away together. The ancient Massachusetts go-to-meeting habit is broken up, while yet is wanting an intelligent discernment of the profit of sustaining the word preached, as an instrument of civilization and of moral culture. To hope, the apparent considerations are, that our fine water powers may be improved to the introduction of manufactures, that science will teach us a juster appreciation of the capabilities of the soil, that a fuller consideration of the several elements of earthly happiness will set higher the healthfulness and beauty of this region of hill and dale, of plenteous

springs and clear flowing streams, as offsets to the advantages of the western prairies ; and that the search for liberty will not always run after the shadow, but find at last, that where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the reality.

What *was* the church organized in Conway, is included in this report. Very few, it is believed, of those taking part in that organization regarded the measure as mature ; of which few, not one remains in the diocese. A distinct organization will probably not be kept up.

During the year, I have executed the purpose intimated in the conclusion of my last report.

Berkshire County.

St. Lukes's Church, Lanesborough.

THE REV. S. B. SHAW, Rector.

Baptisms, 6. Communicants : added, 3 ; died or removed, 8 ; present number, 66. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5. Sunday School Scholars, 60 to 100. Missionary contributions : General Board, \$13.00 ; Massachusetts Board, \$7.50 ; other contributions for religious purposes, \$107.00. Total, \$127.50.

The changes which affect the condition and prospects of a parish, are so uniform in agricultural districts, that the report of one year, with some slight alterations, is frequently appropriate to a long series of years.

Such especially is the case with the ancient church which it has been my privilege so long to serve.

The materials for its increase are few and scattered, and the influences brought to bear against its prosperity, ever operative and powerful, and her advancement from year to year scarcely perceptible ; nevertheless, her position is vastly better in most respects, than it was twenty years ago, and encourages the heart, often desponding, to hope for still better days, and the hands of the faithful to continue their efforts. The death and removal of an unusual number of communicants is severely felt and deplored. We trust, however, that their places will soon be filled by " such as shall be saved."

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

THE REV. G. T. CHAPMAN, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 5, adults 5,) 10, Confirmed, 15. Communicants: added, 21; died or removed, 11; present number, 98. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 7. Sunday School Scholars, 45. Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$30; Sunday School, \$27; American Bible Society, \$45; to the building of a church at Copake, N. Y., near Massachusetts, a colony from St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, \$165. Whole amount, \$267.

The present prospect is, that a great improvement and enlargement of our edifice will take place the ensuing summer.

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

THE REV. THOMAS R. PYNCHON, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 1. Communicants, died 1; present number, 50. Marriages, 4. Burials, 7. Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$8.00; Communion Alms, \$15.00; other contributions, \$52.50. Total, 75.50.

The strength of this Parish has been much increased during the past year, by the removal of several Episcopal families to Stockbridge. A further increase may be looked for from the same source.

The present number of families connected with the Parish is 35. In the number of Communicants, besides those living in the town of Stockbridge, are included several persons, communicants, residing in the adjoining towns of Lee and West Stockbridge, who are in the habit of attending at this Church when it is practicable, and always at Easter and Christmas. Indeed, throughout the whole of this part of the State, families of Episcopalians are constantly coming to light, many of them of English descent; but more frequently emigrants, many years since, from Connecticut, who have settled in remote places. There is no question, also, that the "Church is generally growing in favor as she be-

comes more known, and at no distant day we shall feel the effects of it in the increase of our congregations. In the town of Lee there are several Episcopal families, and in West Stockbridge, quite a number of Communicants. Services have been held there from time to time for their benefit. They have now made an arrangement to have, after this, regular services on the afternoon of every Sunday, and hope to be so blessed as to be able in due time to organize a parish and build a church. During the last year, this Parish and Trinity Church, Lenox, have been united into one cure—Morning Service at Stockbridge, Evening at Lenox. This arrangement, though inconvenient in some respects, to all parties, yet on the whole appears to be for the present advantage of both Parishes. It is hoped and expected that before long each will have its own Rector.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

THE REV. JUSTIN FIELD, Rector.

Baptisms, adults, 1. Communicants: added, 6; died or removed, 6; present number, 119. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 7. Funerals, 7. Missionary contributions, General Board, \$14.

Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.

THE REV. LEWIS GREEN, Rector.

Baptisms, adults, 2. Communicants: added, 4; present number, 45. Confirmed, 2. Burials, 4. Sunday School: Scholars, 30; Teachers, 5. Missionary Contributions: Foreign, \$4; Diocesan, \$15.38; Communion Offerings, \$15.26. Total, \$34.64.

The Parish is in much the same condition as at the date of the last Report. An effort has been made during the year to raise funds to build a Parsonage. This has been nearly accomplished, and the building is about being commenced. An acre of land, in a fine situation for a parsonage lot, near the church, has been presented by a member of the parish. The same gentleman, with others of the parish, has contributed liberally in money.

These contributions, together with the generous aid of our Bishop, and another gentleman not a resident of the Diocese, and smaller sums collected in Boston and Lowell, have nearly supplied us with the means of erecting a neat and convenient house, very greatly for the good of the parish, as it is hoped and believed. We cheerfully render our thanks to all who have aided us in this enterprise, and especially to God for His blessing upon us.

Arrangements are in progress whereby a service by the Rector of this parish is to be held at West Stockbridge once in two weeks, or oftener.

There are upwards of 15 communicants in that village and vicinity, who are very desirous of having the services of the Church there, and are sanguine of success, if they may enjoy the regular ministrations of a clergyman. Services have been held there several times by the Rev. Mr. Pyncheon, and once by the Rector of this Parish, all of which were well attended.

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

THE REV. HENRY S. ATTWATER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adults 1,) 7. Communicants, present number, 21. Burials, 4. Sunday School Scholars, 19. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$4; Diocesan Fund, \$2.

When the present incumbent entered on the charge of these Parishes last July, he found the parishioners greatly depressed and discouraged from the unexpected resignation of their former efficient and beloved Rector, the Rev. D. G. Wright, and this discouragement much enhanced by pecuniary embarrassments. The congregations, which the personal influence and active exertions of the former Rector had collected, were scattered, and the habit of attending public worship on the Lord's Day was, in some families, entirely given up—in all greatly weakened. Confidence, however, appears to be reviving, and the Rector humbly trusts that by assiduity in parochial visiting, and by such other auxiliary means of grace as circumstances may permit him to put in operation, the congregations may again be filled up, and

the Word of Life be again dispensed to great numbers in this region, who are living without God and without hope in the world. A more intimate survey of the extensive field in which the Providence of God has called him to labor, evinces an indifference, which is marvellous in the land of the Puritans, and which emphatically marks this region as missionary ground.

The Rector's services are divided equally between Otis and New Boston, preaching at each alternate Sundays, and at Cold Spring (an intermediate place) every Sunday evening. He has also preached in remote parts of both parishes, whenever and wherever it was thought his services would be for edification. But few of the canonical collections have been made, partly through ignorance that they were required, and partly through peculiar circumstances, which it was thought fully justified their omission.

St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.

THE REV. HENRY S. ATTWATER, Rector.

Communicants, added, 8; died or removed, 4; present number, 18. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday School Scholars, 18. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$2; Diocesan Fund, \$2.

Trinity Church, Lenox.

THE REV. THOMAS R. PYNCHON, Rector.

Baptisms, 3. Communicants: died 1; present number, 18. Confirmed, 1. Burials, 1. There have been no contributions the present year for objects out of the parish.

This parish owes its origin to the labors of the Rev. Mr. Bostwick, a missionary under the patronage of the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, who officiated for many years in all the towns in this part of the Housatonic Valley, both in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont. So abundant and successful were his labors, as to have given rise

to the saying, that wherever he hitched his horse, there a church sprang up. He planted the seeds of many of the churches in this vicinity, and, among others, of this parish, where he was in the habit of holding occasional services, on his way to and from the northern part of the country. The parish was first organized in 1793, as the Protestant Episcopal Society of the towns of Lenox, Lee, Stockbridge and Pittsfield; and the Rev. Daniel Burhans, a venerable Presbyter of the Church, still living, then in Deacon's orders, and residing at Lanesborough, was chosen its minister. In 1797, the parish accepted and adopted the Constitution of the Episcopal Church of this Diocese, as established in 1790, at Salem, and appointed a delegate, who appeared and took his seat in the Convention of that year. In 1813, it reported 30 families, 14 communicants. In 1816, 50 families, 15 communicants. In 1823, 50 families, 51 communicants. In 1828, 37 families, 45 communicants. Since that time it has been gradually weakened, by a variety of causes. The building of churches at Pittsfield and Stockbridge, was a great injury to it, by withdrawing from it some of its most wealthy and valuable members, residents of these towns. And by the death of the aged, and the removal to other places of the young, it has been gradually so far crippled as to have had for the last four or five years only occasional and irregular services. Shortly after the sitting of the last Convention, the two parishes of Lenox and Stockbridge agreed to unite into one cure under the same clergyman, with the morning service at Stockbridge, the evening at Lenox. This arrangement has succeeded beyond expectation, and if steadily adhered to, there is good reason to hope that this parish may be again in time built up. Lenox is the shire town of the county, inhabited by an intelligent population, much visited by strangers, a greater resort in summer than any other place in this part of Massachusetts, and of course furnishes an admirable point for diffusing a knowledge of the principles of the Episcopal Church among persons of education and influence. Great good has resulted from the efforts of past years. Several of our most valued clergymen have gone from this church, or have derived their first impressions of Episcopacy from it, and we have every reason to hope for a like good influence in future.

[The following report was not received in time for insertion in the proper place, and it is therefore introduced here:]

Christ Church, Boston.

This Parish is at present without a Rector. I resigned the charge last Fall, having been kept from my duties by sickness for several months previous. As I cannot now give, with accuracy, the statistics of the year, they will be left till the next Convention.

The number of Communicants must have considerably diminished by removals within the year. There is scarce a parish in the vicinity of Boston in which I do not meet zealous persons who were at first connected with Christ Church. It is gratifying to know that they are faithful in other places, though it has been trying, every year, to lose some of the most useful members of the congregation, especially from amongst the younger portion, whose continuance would have done so much for the strength and usefulness of the parish. My successor will probably not find more Communicants at Christ Church than he will find reported as added within a few years, or, than came forward, at one time, during a winter of unusual religious interest, not ten years since.

The state of my health compelled me to relinquish this parish. The inability of the people to provide a large support for a minister had operated as one inducement to me to remain so long, and it considerably increased the pain of leaving. This is an extensive field of labor. The position is a very important one. Would that I could induce some one or more persons, whom God has blessed with the ability, to provide this Church with a partial, permanent endowment. I do not know of a more important object of Christian munificence in any of our New England Dioceses. I would most earnestly appeal to those whose parents, if not themselves, have derived spiritual benefit from Christ Church, to manifest now some decided, substantial interest in its prosperity. There is a large population in this section of the city to be attended to, or neglected, in proportion to the provision made for them at this Church.

JOHN WOART.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

Since the last Convention, I have resided in Boston. I have preached occasionally in several Churches in the Diocese. For three months, during the fall, I had charge of Christ Church, Boston. The following is a summary of my official labors :—
Sermons preached, 42. Baptisms, 31 infants. Marriages, 5. Burials, 12. Administered the Holy Communion five times.

HENRY W. ADAMS.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

During the past year I have baptized seven infants, solemnized three marriages, and attended four funerals.

I have officiated in Christ Church, Boston, five times, read prayers twice, and preached once in the same church ; officiated in Trinity Church, Boston, twice ; in Grace Church, Boston, six times ; officiated in the Seaman's Chapel, Boston, once, and read prayers in said Church once ; officiated in St. Matthew's Church, South Boston, twice ; preached in St. John's Church, East Boston, once ; officiated in Christ Church, Andover, four times ; in St. John's Church, Northampton, twice ; officiated in Grace Church, Medford, once, and read prayers in the same Church twice ; officiated in St. Mary's Church, Dorchester, twice ; in St. Peter's Church, Salem, twice ; in St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, twice ; in Grace Church, Providence, R. I., twice ; in St. John's Chapel, New York, once ; read prayers in St. Paul's Chapel, in the same city, once, and preached in the same Chapel once ; officiated in the Congregational Meeting House, Pittston, Maine, four times ; preached in Christ Church, Gardiner, Maine, three times.

Since Christmas last, I have been regularly officiating in St. Andrew's Church, Providence, R. I., and having been invited to the Rectorship of said Church, I have accepted the invitation.

Respectfully,

WM. S. BARTLET.

*To the Right Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts : }*

The undersigned, in compliance with the Canon, respectfully reports, that from the sitting of the last Diocesan Convention to the official declaration of his wish to retire from the clerical profession, he performed the following duties :—Officiated two Sundays in St. Anne's Church, Lowell, one in St. Anne's Chapel, and attended one funeral ; officiated four Sundays in Christ Church, Andover, and baptized four children ; officiated in Grace Church, Lawrence, one Sunday, and on another occasion preached one sermon.

SILAS BLAISDALE.

Lawrence, May 19, 1851.

Navy Yard, New York, May 19, 1851.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

I have respectfully to report that, since the month of March last, I have been on duty at this Naval Station. I perform Divine Service and preach twice every Sunday—in the morning in the Chapel of the Yard, and in the afternoon at the Naval Hospital. Burials, 2.

While waiting the orders of the Government, during a part of the last year, I preached in different churches within the Diocese of Massachusetts, 46 times—administered the Holy Communion twice, and assisted at its administration seven times, baptized one infant, and solemnized one marriage.

M. B. CHASE, *Chaplain U. S. Navy.*

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

During the past Conventional Year, I have administered the Holy Communion once, assisted in its administration thrice, baptized one infant, read prayers thrice, assisted in the service six times, and preached four sermons.

D. GORDON ESTES.

Hillside, Amesbury, May 20, 1851.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

The undersigned respectfully reports to his Diocesan, that he has officiated the greater part of the past year, and has also administered the Holy Sacrament of Baptism and the Lord's Supper upon several occasions.

Baptisms, infants, 5. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 4.

F. A. FOXGROFT.

Boston, May 19th, 1851.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

The undersigned, late Rector of St. Luke's Church, in Chelsea, respectfully reports, that since the last Diocesan Convention until his resignation of his charge, Dec. 23, 1850, he has baptized one infant, and regularly officiated every Lord's Day in a room provided for that purpose. During the few months subsequent to his removal from Chelsea, he has occasionally exercised the duties of his priestly office for the accommodation of brother clergymen.

WM. ALFRED JENKS.

To the Right Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of Massachusetts : }

The undersigned would respectfully report, that since the last Diocesan Convention he has performed public service at the Naval Chapel, Charlestown, twice every Sunday, and administered the Holy Communion the first Sunday in each month. In consequence of there being a regular Chaplain on board the U. S. Receiving Ship Ohio, his ministrations have been confined to the officers of the Navy Yard and their families, and a few that attend from the outside.

Baptisms, (infants, 2, adults, 3,) 5. Communicants, 17. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5.

THOS. R. LAMBERT, Chaplain, U. S. Navy.

Boston, May 20, 1851.

To the Right Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D.

The undersigned respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, that during the past conventional year he has preached

fifty times, and has administered or assisted in the Communion eight times; has baptized eight infants; officiated at one funeral; and has performed either the whole, or a part, of the service almost every Sunday.

DANIEL LEACH.

Roxbury, May 20, 1851.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

In pursuance of Canon VIII. 1841, §1, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, the Rev. Oliver S. Prescott respectfully reports to his Diocesan :—On the third Sunday after Trinity, 1850, he terminated his connection with the Rector of the Church of the Advent, Boston. On the Sunday following he preached in Christ Church, Cambridge. From that day until midlent Sunday he abstained from all public acts of sacerdotal function in the Diocese of Massachusetts. On midlent Sunday he took charge of a parish lately organized in the city of Boston, known under the style and title of “The Parish of St. Botolph.” Of this parish no statistics can now be given.

Philadelphia, May 7, 1851.

*To the Right Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts. }*

Since my report, rendered at the annual Convention of the Diocese in 1850, I have been able to preach nearly every Sunday, performing the whole or part of the Service. I have administered the Holy Communion and assisted at its administration, eleven times; baptized one infant and one adult, and solemnized one marriage. All which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. SHEPARD.

Boston, May 20, 1851.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that he has officiated during about eight months of the past year, in the parish of Christ Church, Andover, and St. John's Church, Troy, New York; and during the residue of the year, in Bristol, Rhode Island, and in Boston and its vicinity.

Very respectfully,

JOHN WEST.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

Since the first of January I have not had a parochial charge. I have officiated occasionally as my health would permit, rendering my brethren such aid as they have desired in their parishes. I am now able to perform my ministerial duties regularly, though I may not, for few a months, enter fully upon the care of a congregation. My health is thought to be quite well established. I trust that I am grateful to God, and that I may have grace to devote all my powers to his service through Jesus Christ our Lord.

JOHN WOART.

Boston, May, 1851.

Abstract of Parochial Reports.

MAY, 1851.

No.	Churches.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Scholars.	Contributions for religious
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.					
1	St. James's	W. William	18	6	94	17	1	47	13	.....	.....	38	17
	Christ	S. Fuller, D. D.	7	.....	7	12	7	85	11	1	5	75	1009
	St. John's	W. Withington	1	.....	1	.....	3	97	.....	.....	8	125	13
	Emmanuel*	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	116	.....	.....	.....	184	.....
	Trinity	M. Eastburn, D. D.	22	1	23	.....	.....	355	17	14	14	130	4750
	Christ*	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	195	.....	.....	.....	100	.....
	St. Matthew's	J. H. Clinch	43	1	44	14	25	71	1	5	25	100	146
	St. Paul's	A. H. Vinton, D. D.	15	1	16	28	37	301	14	13	12	120	4644
	Grace	C. Mason	17	4	21	28	15	211	10	9	6	150	1100
	Messiah	G. M. Randall	18	.....	18	38	29	214	9	14	25	169	605
2	St. John's	N. G. Allen	19	.....	19	.....	.....	32	.....	5	15	50	52
	Advent	W. Croswell, D. D.	50	7	57	20	10	189	11	19	34	75	1000
	St. Stephen's	E. M. P. Wells	61	.....	61	.....	.....	200	25	41	35	75	667
	Seamen's Chapel	F. W. Pollard	10	.....	10	.....	.....	190	10	8	17	.....	.....
	Trinity	J. P. Robinson	8	.....	8	.....	.....	143	2	1	3	10	.....
	St. Paul's	Asa Eaton, D. D.	6	1	7	.....	4	35	6	.....	1	30	136
	Grace	W. Horton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	128	.....	.....	.....	130	.....
	Christ	Vacant	9	.....	9	21	12	103	13	3	5	30	598
	St. Peter's*	N. Hoppin	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	178	.....	.....	.....	140	.....
	Grace	Vacant	5	.....	5	.....	.....	14	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
3	St. John's	Vacant	18	1	19	.....	.....	100	.....	9	11	69	470
	St. Luke's*	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	168	.....	.....	.....	185	.....
	Christ	J. H. Rouse	8	2	10	11	2	42	9	2	6	50	112
	St. Paul's	S. B. Babcock	11	1	12	12	10	87	4	4	8	80	613
	St. Mary's	G. W. Porter	6	.....	6	11	.....	53	8	3	3	140	75
	Ascension	E. M. Porter	21	1	22	9	12	75	6	.....	7	100	1045
	St. James's	Justin Field	.....	1	1	6	6	119	6	7	7	150	14
	St. James's	T. Strong, D. D.	17	5	22	10	6	78	7	13	14	45	390
	St. Andrew's	S. Cutler	8	3	11	6	5	103	3	5	7	60	244
	St. Paul's	Vacant	3	.....	3	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
4	St. Luke's	S. B. Shaw	6	.....	6	3	8	66	.....	2	5	80	127
	Grace	G. Packard	16	3	19	36	12	92	5	10	14	70	495
	Trinity	T. R. Pynchon	3	.....	3	.....	.....	1	18	1	.....	.....	.....
	St. Anne's	T. Edson, D. D.	90	3	93	17	22	326	22	22	31	275	196
	St. Stephen's	I. W. Hallam	8	.....	8	10	5	47	6	4	4	40	141
	St. Michael's	E. Ballard	12	.....	12	3	6	75	3	3	15	104	126
	Trinity	S. Cutler	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
	Grace	D. G. Haskins	11	.....	11	10	17	38	3	3	2	19	153
	St. John's	J. W. Birchmore	4	.....	4	10	1	18	3	1	.....	.....	9
	St. Paul's	E. Allen	2	.....	2	9	2	47	5	2	3	60	312
5	Grace	S. J. Horton	10	3	13	14	3	104	7	7	9	70	.....
	St. Paul's	E. A. Washburn	10	2	12	6	.....	114	9	.....	12	.....	204
	St. Andrew's	H. S. Attwater	.....	.....	.....	8	4	18	4	1	1	18	4
	St. Mary's	A. L. Baury	14	.....	14	2	8	114	2	6	8	135	102
	St. John's	H. Burroughs	7	.....	7	14	12	75	4	3	2	40	40
	St. Paul's	H. S. Attwater	6	1	7	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	4	19	6
	St. Paul's*	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Trinity*	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	143	.....	.....	.....	175	.....
	Christ	B. B. Babbitt	4	.....	4	9	1	25	.....	.....	1	23	18
	St. Stephen's	G. T. Chapman, D. D.	5	5	10	21	11	98	15	3	7	45	267
6	Christ*	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	159	.....	.....	.....	125	.....
	St. James's	J. Wayland, D. D.	12	1	13	.....	.....	110	2	6	11	90	.....
	St. John's	E. F. Slafter	3	.....	3	15	8	63	8	3	7	40	881
	St. Peter's	W. R. Babcock	18	1	19	17	7	226	8	7	.....	150	835
	Christ	A. N. Littlejohn	12	2	14	14	7	143	8	10	12	80	364
	St. Paul's	T. R. Pynchon	1	.....	1	.....	1	50	.....	4	7	.....	75
	Christ	J. B. Richmond	1	1	2	2	.....	19	2	1	.....	30	96
	St. Thomas's	T. W. Snow	18	.....	18	14	4	146	4	5	8	165	3737
	Trinity	L. Green	.....	2	2	4	.....	45	2	.....	4	30	34
	Christ	T. F. Fales	5	6	11	15	2	48	6	3	2	66	414
7	St. John's	D. L. B. Goodwin	11	1	12	1	8	75	1	5	16	65	24
	All Saints	N. T. Bent	15	3	18	10	5	62	8	6	7	50	75
	Correc. L.	S. W. Willson	5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	12	.....	.....
		T. R. Lambert	2	3	5	.....	.....	17	.....	2	8	.....	.....
			712	72	784	505	339	5443	323	306	469	3764	26343

Report.

† The number last reported.

DR. CONVENTION of the Protestant Episcopal Church,

1851.	PAID.	
May 20.	Bill of W. A. Hall, printing,.....	2 00
	Expenses to General Convention:	
May 21.	To Rev. Mr. Randall,.....	\$25 00
	" " Babcock,	25 00
	" " Goodwin,.....	25 00
	Hon. E. A. Newton, part of his advance for expenses of General Convention, ..	11 50
	Travelling expenses of	
	Rev. Ethan Allen,	10 00
	" Lewis Green,.....	10 00
	" T. Strong, D. D.....	6 00
	" H. S. Attwater,.....	10 00
	" T. R. Pynchon,.....	10 00
	" W. Withington.....	8 00
	" J. Field,.....	10 00
	" S. B. Shaw,.....	10 00
	" J. H. Rouse,.....	6 00
	Rev. J. H. Clinch, as Secretary, in part,	10 00
	Richard Dillon's bill,.....	5 00
		95 00
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		183 50

The following parishes have failed to comply with the Canon of 1828, amended 1849:—Christ Church, Boston; St. Paul's, Boston; Grace, Boston; Church of Messiah, Boston; St. Matthew's, South Boston; St. John's, East Boston; St. Luke's, Chelsea; St. Peter's, Cambridgeport; Christ, Cambridge; St. Stephen's, Lynn; St. Peter's, Salem; St. Michael's, Marblehead; St. Paul's, Newburyport; St. James's, Amesbury; Christ, Andover; St. Anne's, Lowell; St. Mary's, Dorchester; St. James's, Roxbury; Christ, Quincy; Christ, Plymouth; Trinity, Bridgewater; Grace, New Bedford; Christ, Swansea; Trinity, Pawtucket; All Saints', Worcester; St. James's, Great Barrington; St. Paul's, Hopkinton; St. John's, Northampton; Grace, Cabotville; Christ, Waltham; Trinity, Lenox.

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in account with D. G. HASKINS, Treasurer.

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1851.	RECEIVED.	
	<i>By Assessment from</i>	
May 20.	St. Andrew's, Hanover,.....	6 00
	St. Andrew's, New Boston,	2 00
	St. Paul's, Otis,	2 00
	Grace, Medford,.....	5 00
" 21.	Church of the Advent, Boston,.	10 00
	Trinity, Boston,	30 00
	Christ, Clappville,.....	5 00
	Ascension, Fall River,.....	5 00
	Christ, Springfield,.....	10 00
	St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls,.....	4 00
	St. Luke's, Lanesborough,.....	6 00
	Grace, Lawrence,.....	6 00
	Trinity, Vandeusenville,.....	3 00
	St. John's, Ashfield,	3 00
	St. John's, Charlestown,.....	9 00
	St. Thomas's, Taunton,.....	10 00
	<i>By regular and extra Assessments from</i>	
	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield,.....	16 00
	St. John's, Wilkinsonville,.....	6 00
	St. Paul's, Dedham,.....	14 00
	St. Paul's, Nantucket,	2 00
	St. John's, Jamaica Plain,	16 00
	St. James's, Greenfield,.....	8 00
	St. Paul's, Stockbridge,.....	5 50
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Boston, May 22, 1851.

D. G. HASKINS, Treasurer.

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MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

For cash paid on account of appropriations, by the Massachusetts Board of Missions, for the year ending April 1, 1851, to wit :

<i>Lawrence</i> — Grace Church, - - - - -	175 00	
<i>Nantucket</i> — St. Paul's, - - - - -	162 50	
<i>Plymouth</i> — Christ Church, - - - - -	156 25	
<i>Swansea</i> — Christ Church, - - - - -	156 25	
<i>Otis and N. Boston</i> — St. Andrew's, and St. Paul's	103 12	
<i>Stockbridge and Lenox</i> — St. Paul's, and Trinity,	137 50	
<i>Clappville</i> — Christ Church, - - - - -	100 00	
<i>Ashfield</i> — St. John's, - - - - -	108 33	
<i>Cambridgeport</i> — St. Peter's, - - - - -	106 25	
<i>Millville</i> — Grace, - - - - -	100 00	
<i>Fall River</i> — Ascension, - - - - -	200 00	
<i>East Boston</i> — St. John's, - - - - -	200 00	
<i>Pawtucket</i> — Trinity, - - - - -	75 00	
<i>Chicopee</i> — Grace, - - - - -	200 00	
<i>Vandeuenville</i> — Trinity, - - - - -	100 00	
<i>Bridgewater</i> — Trinity, - - - - -	75 00	
		2155 20
For cash paid as per special appropriations of Donors, - - - -	1256 07	
For cash paid Thomas N. Stanford, Treasurer of the Domestic Committee of the General Board of Missions, - - - - -	1009 25	
For cash paid the Treasurer of the Foreign Committee of the General Board of Missions, - - - - -	1997 95	
Incidental expenses of postage, printing, and stationery, - - -	13 65	

\$6,432 12

Boston, May 23, 1851.

Errors Excepted.

in account with JAMES B. DOW, Treasurer.

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	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	Various.	Total.
Balance, in Treasury, May 1, 1850, - - - - -	95 57	95 57
Andover — Christ Church, - - -	20 00	..	..	..	20 00
Amesbury — St. James's, - - -	..	..	..	..	..
Ashfield — St. John's, - - -	7 00	..	..	..	7 00
Blandford — St. Mark's, - - -	..	..	..	..	..
Boston — Advent, - - - - -	..	..	..	..	..
" — Christ, - - - - -	10 00	..	..	..	10 00
" — Grace, - - - - -	257 00	133 35	200 00	..	590 35
" — Messiah, - - - - -	58 00	..	60 00	..	118 00
" — St. Paul's, - - - - -	619 56	257 24	701 85	880 00	2458 65
" — St. John's, - - - - -	8 50	..	..	..	8 50
" — St. Matthew's, - - - - -	15 00	5 00	5 00	..	25 00
" — St. Stephen's, - - - - -	..	..	..	..	..
" — Trinity, - - - - -	421 14	..	229 78	28 67	679 59
Bridgewater — Trinity, - - -	3 00	..	..	..	3 00
Brookline — St. Paul's, - - -	..	..	57 53	22 03	79 56
Chickopee — Grace, - - - - -	..	..	..	..	..
Cambridge — Christ, - - - - -	68 25	88 00	63 00	5 00	224 25
Cambridgeport — St. Peter's, -	8 51	9 50	3 35	..	21 36
Charlestown — St. John's, - -	..	..	..	..	..
Chelsea — St. Luke's, - - - -	..	..	..	..	..
Clappville — Christ, - - - - -	12 00	..	..	..	12 00
Dedham — St. Paul's, - - - -	12 50	26 00	5 00	..	43 50
Dorchester — St. Mary's, - - -	..	..	..	..	..
Fall River — Ascension, - - -	8 00	..	..	..	8 00
Great Barrington — St. James's	..	..	14 00	..	14 00
Greenfield — St. James's, - - -	3 75	..	1 00	..	4 75
Hanover — St. Andrew's, - - -	17 50	20 00	67 71	..	105 21
Hopkinton — St. Paul's, - - -	..	..	..	..	..
Lanesboro' — St. Luke's, - - -	7 50	13 00	..	..	20 50
Lawrence — Grace, - - - - -	26 89	9 50	8 00	..	44 39
Lenox — Trinity, - - - - -	..	..	..	..	..
Lowell — St. Anne's, - - - - -	31 00	50 00	50 00	..	131 00
Lynn — St. Stephen's, - - - - -	..	..	..	..	..
Marblehead — St. Michael's, -	20 19	39 60	25	..	60 04
Marshfield — Trinity, - - - -	2 00	..	1 00	..	3 00
Medford — Grace, - - - - -	30 32	11 00	11 00	..	52 32
Millville — St. John's, - - - -	9 15	..	..	..	9 15
Nantucket — St. Paul's, - - -	5 97	..	10 00	..	15 97
New Bedford — Grace, - - - -	..	..	..	..	..
Newburyport — St. Paul's, - -	10 00	13 00	..	..	23 00
New Boston — St. Andrew's, - -	2 00	..	..	..	2 00
Newton L. Falls — St. Mary's,	20 00	10 00	30 00	..	60 00
Northampton — St. John's, - -	5 00	10 00	5 00	..	20 00
Otis — St. Paul's, - - - - -	4 00	..	..	..	4 00
Pawtucket — Trinity, - - - - -	..	..	..	..	..
Plymouth — Christ, - - - - -	4 00	..	..	..	4 00
Pittsfield — St. Stephen's, - -	30 00	..	..	..	30 00
Quincy — Christ, - - - - -	2 00	..	..	..	2 00
Roxbury — St. James's, - - -	99 15	15 40	104 95	11 00	230 50
" — St. John's, - - - - -	..	..	..	..	..
Salem — St. Peter's, - - - - -	125 00	98 00	98 00	..	321 00
Springfield — Christ, - - - -	32 16	42 00	28 00	..	102 62
Stockbridge — St. Paul's, - - -	6 50	..	..	..	6 50
Swansea — Christ, - - - - -	5 00	..	..	..	5 00
Taunton — St. Thomas's, - - -	90 00	57 28	96 86	59 87	304 01
Vandusenville — Trinity, - - -	15 38	..	4 00	..	19 38
Waltham — Christ, - - - - -	44 50	70 00	71 00	..	185 50
Worcester — All Saints, - - -	..	14 10	7 50	..	21 60
Wilkinsonville — St. John's,	6 00	11 28	7 17	..	24 45
From other sources, - - - - -	74 40	6 00	57 00	64 50	201 90
	\$ 2353 85	1009 25	1997 95	1071 07	6432 12

JAMES B. DOW, Treasurer.

Appendix.

Dr. MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MISSIONS in account with JAMES B. DOW, Treasurer. Cr.

For Cash paid on account of appropriations for the year ending April 1, 1851, in full, .....\$2155 20	By Cash received subject to the appropriation of the Board, .....\$2168 85
For cash paid as per direction of Donors, .....185 00	By Cash received appropriated by Donors, .....185 00
" " incidental expenses for printing, sta- tionery and postages, .....13 65	
<u>\$2253 85</u>	<u>\$2353 85</u>
Boston, May 22, 1851.	JAMES B. DOW, Treasurer.
(Errors excepted.)	

B. C. CLARK, Treasurer.

Appendix.

Constitution
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
AS AMENDED
IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1841 AND 1846.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Commonwealth, at Boston, on the second Wednesday in June, in every year, unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided, always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop and the assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every other clergy-

man of the Church of whatever order, being a settled minister, or regularly officiating in some parish within this Commonwealth; or being a President, Professor, Tutor or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Commonwealth, or a chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this State, for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this Commonwealth, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay delegate, or delegates, not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay delegate unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

ARTICLE IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention. But in case of vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for by three clerical members, or by the lay delegations from three parishes represented in the Convention; in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

Canon of 1828,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1849.

Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this State, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual report what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, or of such committee as shall be appointed by the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, namely: to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop of this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several Churches in this State by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies, at least, of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

But no clergyman shall be entitled to any appropriation from the Contingent Fund, unless the parish of which he is the minister shall have paid its annual quota of *one per centum*, or send a certified copy of a vote that it is unable to pay the same. Neither shall any parish, thus neglecting to comply with the requisitions of the Canon, receive more than five copies of the Journal.

Canon of 1844.*Respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund.*

In every parish in this Diocese, a collection shall be annually made on Trinity Sunday, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Commonwealth, to be added to the permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese ; and the said Treasurer shall report annually to this Convention, the amount by him received from each parish.

Canons of 1846.

I.

Of proceedings in the case of a Minister, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise of offences for which he may be tried.

SECT. 1. The mode of presentment and trial of a Minister, for any offence for which, by the laws of the General Convention or of this Diocese, he is or may be liable to be tried, shall be as follows :

Information of his offence shall first be given in writing to the Standing Committee, which information, any member of this Church is hereby declared competent to give. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed to a preliminary consideration of the case ; and in their discretion, if they see fit, may make a formal presentment of the offence to the Bishop.

Such presentment shall be made in writing, addressed to the Bishop, specifying the offences of which the accused is charged, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances ; and in case there shall be no Bishop, or in case the Bishop shall be implicated in the offence, or shall be related to the accused by consanguinity or affinity, the Standing Committee shall then request the Bishop of some other Diocese to receive the presentment, who, upon the application of the Standing Committee, may proceed in the case, and exercise the same powers as belong, or are granted, to the Bishop of the Diocese.

SECT. 2. Any Minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise, of any offence or offences for which he may be tried as aforesaid, may, for himself, request the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry respecting the truth of the charges against him; and, in such case, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry, and to proceed in like manner, as is provided in section first of the Canon.

II.

Of the trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.

SECT. 1. Upon such presentment being made by the Standing Committee, as is provided in the foregoing Canon, the Bishop shall, as soon as may be, cause a copy of such presentment to be served on the accused, and shall also nominate nine Presbyters of the Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, nor witnesses in the case, and shall cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall, within thirty days after such service, select five of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within said thirty days, the Bishop shall then select five, and the Presbyters so selected shall form an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of the accused.

SECT. 2. The Court, thus constituted, shall meet at such time and place within the Diocese, as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese, as they shall deem necessary; and the Bishop shall cause a written notice of the time and place of the first meeting of the said Court to be served at least thirty days before the time of meeting, on the accused, and also on the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

SECT. 3. If, at the time appointed for the first meeting of the said Court, the whole number of five shall not attend, those who do attend, may adjourn from time to time; or being not less than three in number, they shall have the right to proceed, in case they shall see fit, to a hearing and trial of the case; and their decision, if unanimous, shall be as binding as if the whole Court had

been present ; but in case their decision shall not be unanimous, the Bishop shall, at the request of the accused, or of the Standing Committee, order a new trial.

SECT. 4. If a clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, the Court shall, in writing, certify the same to the Bishop, and state their opinion as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced ; and it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence, in the manner hereinafter provided. And if a clergyman presented as aforesaid, after having had due notice, shall fail or neglect to appear before the Court of Presbyters appointed for his trial, unless prevented by sickness or other sufficient cause, he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the term of six months ; and if during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.

SECT. 5. When the Court proceed to the trial, they shall hear such competent evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively ; and some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may, at the desire of either party, be requested to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses. If, on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Court may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

SECT. 6. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any material witnesses cannot be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of such witnesses. Such Commissary may be either a clergyman or a layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least *six* days' notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness, and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and

signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissary, and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Court, and shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such Commissary may be sworn or affirmed in manner aforesaid.

SECT. 7. The Court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be, without delay, communicated to the accused; and the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Court; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused, and any three or more Presbyters of the Diocese, to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend; and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Court of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

SECT. 8. All citations and notices contemplated in this Canon shall be signed by the Bishop, and may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written citation or notice delivered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such citation or notice.

SECT. 9. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are clergymen

canonically resident in the Diocese, or laymen who have been communicants of some parish of the same, at least two years before the time of trial.

Canon of 1846.

Of Communicants.

Whenever the Bishop shall institute an inquiry on the subject of repelling a person from the Holy Communion, according to the rubrics and the canons of the General Convention, he shall summon a council of two presbyters and two laymen, of which he shall be president, to decide upon the case.

Canon of 1847,

AS AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1848.

Of Elections.

The deputies to the General Convention from this Diocese shall be chosen at the meeting of this Convention holden in each year of the stated meeting of the General Convention; who shall continue in office until the meeting of this Convention, next preceding the stated meeting of the General Convention, on the third year next after their election, and until others shall be chosen in their place.

Any vacancy occurring in the delegation shall be filled at the next ensuing meeting of this Convention; and appointments for the interval may be made by the Standing Committee, at a meeting specially convened for that purpose.

Canon of the General Convention of 1835.

On the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time.

SECTION I. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is

hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his parish or Church, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same; and these parochial reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, shall be read and entered on the journals of the Convention. And every other clergyman not regularly settled in any parish or Church, shall also report to the ecclesiastical authority of his Diocese, the occasional services he may have performed; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same.

Rules of Order.

RULE I. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house; nor more than once, until others desiring to speak shall have spoken.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

Every member who shall be in the house, when any question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested in the question, or shall be excused by the Convention for reasons assigned.

RULE II. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same parish with the mover; and every motion, when required by any member, shall be reduced to writing.

RULE III. When the report of a committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

RULE IV. When a question is before the Convention, it shall be in order—

1. To lay on the table ;
2. To postpone to a day certain ;
3. To commit ;
4. To amend ;
5. To postpone indefinitely ;

and a motion for any one of these proceedings may be considered as having precedence in the order in which they are here named ; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE V. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

RULE VI. Any member may call for the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

RULE VII. The question of adjournment shall always be in order ; and that, together with a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

RULE VIII. When votes by orders are taken, they shall be entered on the minutes.

RULE IX. On all questions of order, the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

RULE X. A question, being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present, nor unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority on the original decision.

Widows and Orphans Society.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE.

AN ACT

To Incorporate the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives,
In General Court assembled, and by the authority of the
same, as follows :

SEC. 1. Benjamin Howard, Thomas M. Clark, Jr., and
Ebenezer Rhoades, their associates and successors, are
hereby made a Corporation, by the name of the " Society
for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of De-
ceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church ;"
with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the
duties, and liabilities, and restrictions set forth in the forty-
fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SEC. 2. The said Corporation may take and hold real
and personal estate, for the purposes aforesaid, to an
amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars.

*House of Representatives, Feb. 15, 1841,
passed to be enacted.*

GEO. ASHMUN, *Speaker.*

*In Senate, Feb. 16, 1841,
passed to be engrossed.*

DANIEL P. KING, *President.*

*Feb. 16, 1841, Approved.
JOHN DAVIS.*

By-Laws.

[AMENDED MAY 14, 1850.]

CHAPTER I.

MEMBERS AND MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. Persons paying one dollar annually, shall be members entitled to vote during the year after such payment; persons paying twenty dollars at any one time, shall be members for life; persons chosen Trustees shall be members for the term of their office; and Clergymen subscribing to the fund shall continue members one year for each dollar subscribed.

SEC. 2. Each member shall have one vote; and all but the Trustees may vote by proxy.

SEC. 3. Five persons present at any duly notified meeting shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 4. The Annual Meeting shall be held on the day preceding the Annual (Diocesan) Convention, at such place and hour as shall be duly notified. All meetings advertised in the newspaper which may be selected by the Bishop for the publication of his Episcopal acts, specifying time and place, and purporting to be called by the Secretary, or by any two Trustees, or any five members, in case of the Secretary's absence, inability or neglect, shall, if published four days previous to the time of meeting, be held duly notified.

CHAPTER II.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The Society shall be under the management of a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treas-

urer, and five Trustees, who shall be chosen by ballot at the Annual Meeting, or may hold their offices until others be chosen in their places ; they may call and regulate their own meetings, at which a majority shall constitute a quorum, and may fill vacancies. The Treasurer shall give such bonds for the faithful performance of his duties, as shall be satisfactory to the Trustees.

SEC. 2. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex officio*, President ; and all deeds of the Society shall be sealed, executed and acknowledged by him, or, in case of his absence or inability, by some person specially appointed by the Corporation for that purpose, and countersigned by the Treasurer.

SEC. 3. No portion of the fund shall be invested without a vote of a majority of the Officers and Trustees ; and all uninvested collections shall be deposited in the name of the Corporation, subject to the Treasurer's draft.

SEC. 4. Report of the Investments, Receipts, Expenditures, &c., shall be made annually, by the Treasurer, to the Society ; which Report, when approved, together with a statement of the doings of the Society, shall annually be presented to the Diocesan Convention.

CHAPTER III.

CHARITY FUND.

SEC. 1. This charity shall be confined to the widows and children of those Clergymen, who have continued members of this Society to the time of their decease, and who have died in the communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

SEC. 2. The widows and children of deceased Clergymen, who shall have paid the sum of five dollars, or the sum of ten dollars, or the sum of fifteen dollars, or the sum of twenty dollars, or the sum of twenty-five dollars, annu-

ally, shall be entitled to an annuity of five times the amount of such annual subscription, for twice the number of years during which it has been paid.

SEC. 3. In order to have a certainty, both as to the quantum, as well as the payment of the annual rates, each contributor shall abide by that rate or class, which he first chooses, unless he shall change into another class on such terms as to the Society shall seem reasonable.

SEC. 4. Any present member, or other Clergyman wishing to become a member, and wishing to rank as such from the beginning, or for any shorter number of years, may be admitted to do so, having first obtained the sanction of the Trustees, and having paid into the Treasury a sum equal to the gross amount of annual payments from the time to which his payments would date back, together with compound interest on the same, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, to the date of his payments. Provided, always, that no person shall be allowed thus to date his payments back to a time prior to that at which he was admitted to Orders. The widow and children of any such member afterwards deceased, shall be entitled to receive their annuity in the same manner and to the same extent, as if the deceased had been a member from the time to which his payments shall thus have reference.

SEC. 5. In case any Clergyman, after having been a contributor to the funds of this Society, and also a resident in the Diocese, shall hereafter remove from said Diocese, his widow and children shall be entitled to the same benefits as if he had not so removed. Provided, always, that such Clergyman shall conform in all respects to the laws and regulations of this Society. And provided, also, that such removal shall not be to any place without the jurisdiction of the United States of America. If any Clergyman, who shall have been such contributor as aforesaid, shall hereafter remove from this Diocese, he shall be entitled to receive from this Society the amount of the contri-

butions which he may have made, without interest, and his widow and children shall not be entitled to any other benefit from the funds of the Society.

SEC. 6. The Trustees shall have power, upon the application of any person or persons interested, as the widow or children of a deceased member, to cancel the contract for relief upon the surrender of his deposit book, together with the written consent of all persons interested under the same, upon such terms as they shall think just and equitable. Provided, always, that this shall not be done in any case, where the deceased member, through whom such persons claim, shall in his last will have forbidden it.

SEC. 7. Evidence of title to the benefits of this charity shall be perpetuated by the Treasurer's entry on the Society's account books; and he shall furnish each depositor with a small deposit book, certifying the amounts from time to time paid in by him, which shall be produced by the widows and children of such depositor demanding relief.

SEC. 8. The contract-annuity shall be payable as follows:—*First*, If there be a widow and no child, then the whole sum shall be paid to her. *Second*, If there be but one child and no widow, such child or its guardian, if a minor, shall be entitled to the whole sum. *Third*, If there be one child only, and a widow, the annuity shall be paid as follows: one-half to the widow, and one-half to the child, or to its legal guardian, if a minor. *Fourth*, If there be a widow and more than one child, one-third of the whole sum shall be paid to the widow, and the remaining two-thirds shall be equally divided among the children, and their several proportions paid to them, or their several guardians for them during minority. *Fifth*, If there be more than one child but no widow, the whole sum shall be divided equally among the children, and their several proportions paid to them, or to their several guardians for them during minority.

CHAPTER IV.

ALTERATIONS.

No change shall be made in the By-laws, unless by a vote of three-fifths of those present ; and then not to take effect until the next succeeding meeting.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

FOR THE YEAR 1851-52.

RE. REV. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D., Bishop of
the Diocese of Massachusetts, *ex officio*, *President*.

REV. ASA EATON, D. D., *1st Vice President*.

REV. ALEX. H. VINTON, D. D., *2d Vice President*.

REV. ALFRED L. BAURY, *Treasurer*, Newton Lower Falls.

REV. P. H. GREENLEAF, *Secretary*, 709 Washington Street
Boston.

Rev. WILLIAM CROSWELL, D.D.,	} <i>Trustees.</i>
Rev. GEO. M. RANDALL,	
Rev. WM. S. BARTLET,	
Rev. JOSEPH H. CLINCH,	
F. H. STIMPSON, Esq.,	

Annual Meeting on the day preceding the Annual Diocesan Convention.

The Society, in whose behalf this statement is submitted, was incorporated by the Legislature as a Charitable Institution, having for its object the relief of the widow and the orphan.

It proposes the relief of a class of persons, who deserve the sympathy and kindness of every Christian community; and selects from that class those who have the highest claims upon the charities of the Church,—the widows and the orphans of its Clergymen.

By permission of the late Diocesan Convention, they have printed for circulation through the Diocese, the foregoing copies of their laws, from whence the members of our Communion may derive definite knowledge of the mode in which they administer its charities. This mode, it will be seen, is two-fold: 1. A *contract-relief*, in the nature of a life-insurance; and 2. A *gratuitous relief*.

1. *Life-Insurance*. It appears from the "tables of rates" adopted by Life-Insurance companies, generally, that a person of the age of 32 years, in order to insure \$1,000 on his life, must pay \$25, yearly. If he die after having made ten such payments, their aggregate will be \$250, and his legal representatives will receive \$1,000, yielding them, at the usual rates, \$60 *per annum*. But if he pay the same sum for the same time to this Society, and die, his family receive an annuity of \$125 for *twenty* years. Or should they wish to commute this income for a certain amount in hand, its cash value, according to competent authority,* would be \$1,432 50. Thus it will at once be seen that this Society offers a far more liberal return for monies invested than the usual Life-Insurance companies.

It should be observed, also, that this mode of invest-

* Milne, on Insurance. London, 1815, p. 649.

ment, being a legal liability, is unchanged by any subsequent act of the Society.

2. *Gratuitous relief.* The Society at its late annual meeting, passed the following resolutions in relation to this department of its charity.

Whereas, no means have been provided by the Church in this Diocese, for the relief of the families of Clergymen dying in its service, and leaving no property; and appeals for aid from families so situated, to this Society, have not been answered, and future appeals cannot be responded to, owing to the smallness of its funds: and

Whereas, careful investigations into the subject have shown that the funded capital of this Society must amount to at least Ten Thousand dollars, before any thing more than mere contract relief can be dispensed: and

Whereas, the sum of about \$5600, is now needed to increase our funds to the minimum amount above specified, when one agency at least for the relief of meritorious cases of suffering may be established in this Diocese:

Therefore, *Resolved*, that the Bishop of the Diocese, the Treasurer of the Society, and the Rev. W. S. Bartlet, be a Committee to apply to Episcopalians in behalf of this meritorious object, and to endeavor to secure from them such an amount as, when added to the present capital of this Society, may increase said capital to the sum of Ten Thousand dollars.

In behalf of the Trustees,

P. H. GREENLEAF, *Secretary.*

Boston, May, 1851.

LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
Diocese of Massachusetts,
MAY, A. D., 1851.

- The Right Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D.D., Bishop
of the Diocese, and Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.
The Rev. HENRY W. ADAMS, residing in Boston.
The Rev. ETHAN ALLEN, Rector of St. Paul's Church,
Nantucket.
The Rev. NATHANIEL G. ALLEN, Rector of St John's
Church, East Boston.
The Rev. HENRY S. ATTWATER, Rector of St. Paul's
Church, Otis, and St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.
The Rev. BENJAMIN B. BABBITT, Deacon, Rector of
Christ Church, Plymouth.
The Rev. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Rector of St. Paul's
Church, Dedham.
The Rev. WILLIAM R. BABCOCK, Rector of St. Peter's
Church, Salem.
The Rev. EDWARD BALLARD, Rector of St. Michael's
Church, Marblehead.
The Rev. WILLIAM S. BARTLET.
The Rev. ALFRED L. BAURY, residing at Newton Lower
Falls.
The Rev. NATHANIEL T. BENT, Rector of All Saints'
Church, Worcester.

- The Rev. JOHN W. BIRCHMORE, Rector of St. John's Church, Millville.
- The Rev. SILAS BLAISDALE, Teacher of a School, at Lawrence.
- The Rev. JOHN L. BLAKE, D. D., residing at Orange, New Jersey.
- The Rev. HENRY BURROUGHS, Jr., Rector of St. John's Church, Northampton.
- The Rev. GEORGE T. CHAPMAN, D. D., Rector elect of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.
- The Rev. MOSES B. CHASE, Chaplain in the United States' Navy, residing in New York.
- The Rev. ORANGE CLARK, D. D., residing at St. Francisco, California.
- The Rev. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, South Boston, and Secretary of the Convention.
- The Rev. WILLIAM CROSWELL, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Advent, Boston.
- The Rev. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, and Trinity Church, Marshfield.
- The Rev. ASA EATON, D. D., residing in Boston.
- The Rev. THEODORE EDSON, D. D., Rector of St. Anne's Church, Lowell.
- The Rev. DANIEL GORDON ESTES, residing at Amesbury.
- The Rev. THOMAS F. FALES, Rector of Christ Church, Waltham.
- The Rev. JUSTIN FIELD, Rector of St. James's Church, Great Barrington.
- The Rev. FRANCIS A. FOXCROFT, residing in Boston.
- The Rev. FREDERICK FREEMAN, Principal of a School in Sandwich.

- The Rev. SAMUEL FULLER, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Andover.
- The Rev. DANIEL L. B. GOODWIN, Rector of St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.
- The Rev. LEWIS GREEN, Rector of Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.
- The Rev. PATRICK H. GREENLEAF, residing in Boston.
- The Rev. ISAAC W. HALLAM, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.
- The Rev. DAVID G. HASKINS, Rector of Grace Church, Medford, and Treasurer of the Convention.
- The Rev. NICHOLAS HOPPIN, Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge.
- The Rev. SANFORD J. HORTON, Rector of Grace Church, New Bedford.
- The Rev. WILLIAM HORTON, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Brookline.
- The Rev. WILLIAM A. JENKS, Teaching a School in East Boston.
- The Rev. THOMAS R. LAMBERT, Chaplain in the United States' Navy, Navy Yard, Boston.
- The Rev. DANIEL LEACH, residing in Roxbury.
- The Rev. ABRAHAM N. LITTLEJOHN, Rector of Christ Church, Springfield.
- The Rev. CHARLES MASON, Rector of Grace Church, Boston.
- The Rev. GEORGE PACKARD, Rector of Grace Church, Lawrence.
- The Rev. ROLLA O. PAGE, Deacon, Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, Geneva College, Western New York.
- The Rev. ALBERT C. PATTERSON.

- The Rev. FREDERICK W. POLLARD**, assistant Minister at St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.
- The Rev. EMERY M. PORTER**, Rector of the Church of Ascension, Fall River.
- The Rev. GEORGE W. PORTER**, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.
- The Rev. OLIVER S. PRESCOTT**, residing in Boston.
- The Rev. THOMAS R. PYNCHON**, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.
- The Rev. GEORGE M. RANDALL**, Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Boston.
- The Rev. ELKANAH F. REMINGTON.**
- The Rev. JAMES C. RICHMOND.**
- The Rev. JOHN B. RICHMOND**, Rector of Christ Church, Swansea.
- The Rev. JOHN P. ROBINSON**, Chaplain for Seamen, Boston.
- The Rev. JOHN H. ROUSE**, Rector of Christ Church, Clappville.
- The Rev. SAMUEL B. SHAW**, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.
- The Rev. GEORGE C. SHEPARD**, D. D.
- The Rev. EDMUND F. SLAFTER**, Rector of St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.
- The Rev. THEODORE W. SNOW**, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.
- The Rev. MOSES P. STICKNEY.**
- The Rev. TITUS STRONG**, D. D., Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield.
- The Rev. ALEXANDER H. VINTON**, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.

The Rev. EDWARD A. WASHBURN, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

The Rev. HENRY WATERMAN.

The Rev. JOHN WAYLAND, D. D., Rector of St. James's Church, Roxbury.

The Rev. E. M. P. WELLS, Minister of St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

The Rev. JOHN WEST, officiating in Newtonville.

The Rev. GEORGE D. WILDES, Assistant to the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston, and Principal of an Episcopal School for Young Ladies.

The Rev. WILLIAM WILLIAN, Rector of St. James's Church, Amesbury.

The Rev. SHIPLEY WELLS WILLSON, Chaplain of the House of Correction, South Boston.

The Rev. WILLIAM WITHINGTON, officiating at St. John's Church, Ashfield.

The Rev. JOHN WOART, officiating at St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.

The Rev. CALVIN WOLCOTT, Agent of the American Bible Society, residing in Marblehead.

[Total, 75.]

Diocese of Massachusetts.

1851.

The Rt. Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D., Bishop.

Standing Committee.

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“ “ GEORGE M. RANDALL,

“ “ CHARLES MASON,

WM. RAYMOND LEE,

GEORGE M. DEXTER,

OTIS DANIELL.

The Rev. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Secretary of the Convention. Residence, South Boston.

The Rev. DAVID G. HASKINS, Treasurer of the Convention. Residence, Medford.

Board of Missions.

The Rt. Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D., *ex officio*, President.

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“ “ THEODORE W. SNOW, *Secretary*.

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CHARLES H. PARKER.

Delegates to the General Convention.

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Notice.

The Sixty-second Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, will be holden in Trinity Church, Boston, on the third Tuesday (the 18th) of May, 1852, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JOSEPH H. CLINCH,

Secretary of the Convention.

South Boston, May, 1851.

Form of Certificate for Lay Delegates.

(Authorized by vote of Convention of 1849.)

[Name of town] ——— A. D. 18—

This is to certify, that at a regular meeting of the Parish of ——— Church, ———, held on the ——— day of ———, 18—, the following persons, viz:

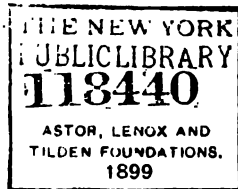
Messrs. ———, ———,
————, ———,
————, ———,

were duly elected lay delegates to represent this Parish in the next Diocesan Convention, to be held in ——— Church, in ———, on the ——— day of ———, A. D. 18—, and that they are stated worshippers in this Parish.

————,
Parish Clerk.

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Boston, May 19th, 1852. }
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THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, with several of the Clergy, and Lay Delegates, assembled in Trinity Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Alfred L. Baury. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, assisted in the Epistle by the Rev. Henry W. Lee, D.D., Rector of St. Luke's, Church, Rochester, Western New York.

The annual Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D. D., from the text, xvii. chapter of the Acts, the 6th verse, "*These that have turned the world upside down, are come hither also.*" After which a collection was made at the Offertory, in aid of the funds of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese. The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Henry W. Lee, D. D., and the Rev. Samuel Fuller, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Andover.

The congregation having retired, the Bishop took the Chair, and the list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention was then called by the Secretary, as follows. Those whose names are marked in italics were not present during the session.

The Rt. Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D.,	
The Rev. Ethan Allen,	The Rev. William Horton,
" Nathaniel G. Allen,	" <i>William A. Jenks,</i>
" Henry S. Attwater,	" Thomas R. Lambert,
" Benj: B. Babbitt,	" Charles Mason,
" Saml. B. Babcock,	" George Packard,
" William R. Babcock,	" Emery M. Porter,
" William S. Bartlet,	" George W. Porter,
" Alfred L. Baury,	" Thos. R. Pynchon,
" Nathaniel T. Bent,	" Geo. M. Randall,
" John W. Birchmore,	" John B. Richmond,
" John T. Burrill,	" <i>John H. Rouse,</i>
" Henry Burroughs, Jr.,	" Samuel B. Shaw,
" William S. Child,	" G.C. Shepard, D.D.,
" Joseph H. Clinch,	" Edmund F. Slafter,
" Samuel Cutler,	" William T. Smithett,
" Asa Eaton, D. D.,	" Theodore W. Snow,
" T. Edson, D. D.,	" <i>Titus Strong, D.D.,</i>
" Thomas F. Fales,	" A. H. Vinton, D.D.,
" Justin Field,	" J. Wayland, D. D.
" William Flint,	" E.M.P. Wells, D. D.
" Samuel Fuller, D. D.,	" George D. Wildes,
" <i>Dan'l L. B. Goodwin,</i>	" William Willian,
" Lewis Green,	" Shipley W. Willson,
" Isaac W. Hallam,	" John Woart,
" Nicholas Hoppin,	" Henry W. Woods.

The certificates of Lay Delegates were then presented, and read by the Secretary, and the following names were called. The names appear *in italics* of those who were not present during the session.

Trinity Church, Boston. George M. Dexter, Benjamin P. Richardson, Edward Blake.

Christ Church, Boston. Elias W. Goddard, William P. Parrott, John Bacon.

St. Paul's Church, Boston. John C. Warren, M. D., James B. Dow, George M. Browne.

Grace Church, Boston. Otis Daniell, George Wade, Richard Girdler.

Church of the Advent, Boston. R. H. Dana, Jr., Charles P. Gordon, H. M. Parker.

Church of the Messiah, Boston. William B. Bradford, S. H. Gregory, James Jenkins.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston. John T. Blackmore, David Clapp, Edward Rich.

St. John's Church, East Boston. William H. Calrow, M. Appleby, William Schouler.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea. Sebeus C. Maine, Samuel Cleland, John E. Wilder.

Christ Church, Cambridge. Luther Foote, George P. Bond, James C. Merril, Jr.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport. Isaac Lum, Abraham Edwards.

St. John's Church, Charlestown. Charles W. Moore, Luther Crane, George B. Neal.

Grace Church, Medford. Nathaniel Tracy, Joseph Marquand.

St. Paul's Church, Brookline. Benjamin Howard, Eliakim Littell, Augustus Aspinwall.

Christ Church, Waltham. J. S. Copley Greene, Israel Lombard.

St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls. Thomas Rice, Jr., Ezra Warren, Charles J. Fuller.

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn. James R. Newhall, Josiah F. Kimball, Edward S. Davis.

St. Peter's Church, Salem. George A. Perkins, Charles H. Wheeler, *Luther Upton.*

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport. Edward S. Rand, David Wood, *Edward S. Mosely.*

St. James's Church, Amesbury. Calvin F. Howard, James F. Wolfenden, *Philip Osgood.*

Christ Church, Andover. Eastman Sanborn, John Parnell, Marcus Morton, Jr.

Grace Church, Lawrence. George W. Smith, Charles Stark Newell, *Henry J. Livermore.*

St. Anne's Church, Lowell. Benjamin F. French.

St. Mary's Church, Dorchester. Charles Stimpson, Charles Sumner, John H. Welch.

St. James's Church, Roxbury. William Raymond Lee, John B. Kettell, Sanford M. Hunt.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain. Edward N. Perkins, William Blake, *Thomas E. Chickering.*

St. Paul's Church, Dedham. Ira Cleveland, William Ames, John Bent.

Christ Church, Quincy. Ezra Walker, Levi White, George Veazie.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover. Lemuel C. Waterman, Joseph C. Stockbridge, *George Pratt.*

Christ Church, Plymouth. Charles Raymond, Nathan H. Holmes, *Henry Mills.*

Trinity Church, Bridgewater. John Edson, George Hooker, *George L. Edson.*

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton. Marcus Morton, Edmund Baylies, Samuel L. Crocker.

Grace Church, New Bedford. John Cushing, Henry Cannon, *Lehman P. Ashmead.*

Christ Church, Swansea. William Pearse, John E. Gray, *George Austin.*

All Saints' Church, Worcester. Thomas Bottomly, H. K. Newcomb, — Putnam.

St. John's Church, Millville. Charles J. Stratford, Lyman C. Curtis, James B. Hall.

Christ Church, Springfield. John B. Stebbins, Geo. W. Winchester, William W. Lee.

St. James's Church, Greenfield. Richard E. Field, Charles H. Grennell, Henry B. Clapp.

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough. A. J. Lewis, W. D. B. Linn, Linden Butler.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield. Edward A. Newton, S. H. P. Lee, Thomas H. Higginbotham.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington. Samuel B. Sumner, Henry H. Hill, Daniel L. Wakelee.

St. John's Church, Ashfield. Jonathan Sears.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville. Silas Chase, A. Dudley Chase.

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.

St. John's Church, Northampton.

St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.

Grace Church, Chicopee.

St. Andrew's Church, New Boston. Samuel C. Parsons, Jesse W. Williams, Darwin J. Baldwin.

Church of Ascension, Fall River. Cyrus Alden, James Hartley, Henry Houghton.

Christ Church, Clappville.

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge. G. P. R. James, S. P. Burt, Duncan J. Perry.

Trinity Church, Vandeusenville.

St. Paul's Church, Palmer.

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

Trinity Church, Pawtucket. Joseph Smith, Daniel Miller, Hiram Cleveland.

Trinity Church, Holyoke.

On motion,

Resolved, That St. Mark's Church, Boston, be received into union with this Convention.

The Secretary then called the names of the following gentlemen elected delegates from this Parish.

Henry Burroughs,

J. H. Hunneman,

James Folsom,

Whereupon these persons appeared and took their seats.

On motion,

Resolved, That the usual Committees be appointed by the Chair.

The Chair accordingly nominated the following:—

Committee on Qualifications. Rev. Theodore W. Snow,
Rev. H. Burroughs, Jr., W. Raymond Lee.

Committee on New Parishes. Rev. Thomas F. Fales,
Rev. W. R. Babcock, Hon. Samuel L. Crocker.

Committee on Finance. Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D.,
J. B. Kettell, Edward Blake.

Executive Committee. Rev. John Woart, Rev. Samuel
Cutler, Rev. John H. Rouse.

Committee on Unfinished Business. Rev. Samuel B.
Shaw, George W. Winchester.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Secretary, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch be elected Secretary.

The Secretary asked permission to appoint the Rev. George D. Wildes assistant Secretary, which,

On motion, was granted.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Treasurer balloting be dispensed with.

The Rev. David G. Haskins, the late Treasurer, having declined a re-election,

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Theodore W. Snow be elected Treasurer of this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That Clergymen of this Church, not entitled to seats in this Convention, and candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to be present at its sittings.

Whereupon the following appeared, and took seats in the Convention :

The Rev. David G. Haskins, Diocese of Massachusetts.

" Francis A. Foxcroft,	" "
" C. Wiltberger,	" "
" John W. Birchmore,	" "
" Daniel Leach,	" "
" G. T. Chapman, D. D.,	" "
" William Withington,	" "
" Oliver S. Prescott,	" "
" Henry Edwards,	" "
" Charles W. Homer,	" "
" Benjamin Austin,	" "
" Sanford J. Horton,	" "
" Henry W. Lee, D. D.,	" W. New York.
" Nathan W. Munroe,	" New York.
" John S. Stone, D. D.,	" "
" Henry N. Hudson,	" "
" George F. Cushman,	" Alabama.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rules of Order adopted by the last Convention be adopted for the government of this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the accounts of the late Treasurer be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following communication from the Rev. M. A. DeWolf Howe, D. D., Secretary of the General Convention, was read to the Convention by the Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, January, 1852.

The Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

My Dear Sir,—As Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention of 1850, I send you the following copy of a proposed amendment of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which I hereby certify to be a true transcript from the Journal of the Convention aforesaid, and request you to lay it before the Convention of which you are Secretary. It was proposed and approved in both Houses of the late General Convention, and will come up for ratification at the Session in 1853.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

M. A. DE WOLFE HOWE.

Proposed Amendment of Article V. of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S. A., as agreed upon in General Convention, 1850.

(See Journal, pp. 72, 82, 85.)

Resolved, The House of Bishops concurring, that it is expedient to amend the Constitution, by substituting for the Fifth Article of the Constitution, the following Article :

ARTICLE V.

A Protestant Episcopal Church in any of the United States, or any Territory thereof, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter, be admitted on acceding to this Constitution ; and a new Diocese to be formed from one or more existing Dioceses, may be admitted under the following restrictions :

No new Diocese shall be formed or erected within the limits of any other Diocese, nor shall any Diocese be formed by the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of Dioceses, unless with the consent of the Bishop and Convention of each Diocese concerned, as well as of the General Convention.

In case one Diocese shall be divided into two Dioceses, the Diocesan of the Diocese divided may elect the one to which he will be attached, and shall thereupon become the Diocesan thereof. And the assistant Bishop, if there be one, may elect the one to which he will be attached; and if it be not the one elected by the Bishop, he shall be the Diocesan thereof.

Whenever the division of the Diocese into two Dioceses shall be ratified by the General Convention, each of the two Dioceses shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so divided, except as local circumstances may prevent, until the same may be altered in either Diocese by the Convention thereof. And whenever a Diocese shall be formed out of two or more existing Dioceses, the new Diocese shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of that one of the said existing Dioceses to which the greater number of Clergymen shall have belonged prior to the erection of such new Diocese, until the same may be altered by the Convention of the new Diocese.

Resolved, That, the House of Bishops concurring, the above amendment be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions.

On motion,

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Morning Session were read and approved.

Some additional certificates of Lay Delegates were read and referred to the Committee on Qualifications.

A communication was read by the Secretary from W.

Raymond Lee, Esq., declining re-election on the Standing Committee of this Diocese.

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address as follows :

Address :

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY :—

The first official act performed by me, after the termination of our last Convention, was on Friday, May 23, when I administered the rite of Confirmation to a sick parishioner of St. John's, Charlestown, at his own dwelling.

On the Fifth Sunday after Easter, May 25, I confirmed 6 in the evening in Christ Church, Waltham.

On Monday in Whitsun-Week, June 9, at an Ordination held in St. Matthew's Church, South Boston, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. John T. Burrill, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese, and late an ordained Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Sermon on this occasion was preached by the Rev. Shipley W. Willson, Chaplain of the House of Correction, South Boston.

On the evening of St. Barnabas the Apostle, Wednesday, June 11, I attended, in St. Michael's, Marblehead, the concluding services of a meeting of the Eastern District Church Missionary Association ; and, after addresses on the subject of Missions by the Rev. Dr. Vinton, and the Rev. Messrs. Fales and Packard, spoke to the congregation on the same subject.

On St. John Baptist's Day, Tuesday, June 24, and the following day, I attended in New York the annual meeting of the Board of Missions ; and also, in the same week, the annual meeting of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

On the Third Sunday after Trinity, July 6, I confirmed 6 in the evening in the Church of the Messiah, Boston.

On Friday, July 11, I had the pleasure of uniting with the Bishop and Assistant Bishop of Virginia, and the Bishop of Delaware, in the consecration of the Rev. John Payne, D. D., as Missionary Bishop for Africa ; and also preached the Sermon. This interesting solemnity took place in St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, in presence of a large congregation, clerical and lay, from various dioceses, who had come together to wish prosperity to this long-tried laborer among the heathen of that benighted land. May the continued guidance and favor of the Lord of hosts be with him !

On the day preceding, the Bishop of Virginia, acting by my request, admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. John P. Hubbard, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese, and a student of the Theological Seminary of Virginia. Mr. Hubbard, since his ordination, has been successfully engaged in exciting an interest, throughout several of the Dioceses, in the mission of our Church established at Shanghai, in China ; and it is understood that he will shortly proceed thither, under an appointment as Missionary from the Foreign Committee of the Board of Missions.

On the Fifth Sunday after Trinity, July 20, I confirmed 4 in the afternoon in St. John's, Jamaica Plain. These, added to 2 hereafter to be mentioned, make 6 as the whole number for the year.

In the evening of the same day, I confirmed 11 in St. Paul's, Dedham.

On Tuesday, July 22, I proceeded to the Island of Nantucket ; and, on the morning of the following day, preached at St. Paul's, and, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, Rector of St. John's, Wilkinsons ville, administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Lambert, I confirmed 2 persons.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, July 29, it was my pleasing duty, in presence of several of the clergy, and a numerous assembly of other persons, to lay the corner stone of the parish church of St. Paul's, Brookline. The beautiful structure then commenced has

since advanced very far towards completion, and will probably be ready for consecration in the ensuing September. The building is of stone, and its architect is Mr. Upjohn. When finished, it will be a distinguished ornament of the beautiful region in which it stands; and we may justly rejoice in the spiritual benefits which it will be the means of affording, through the ordinances of our Church, to the inhabitants of that populous neighborhood.

On the Seventh Sunday after Trinity, August 3, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon in St. Mary's, Dorchester.

On the Eighth Sunday after Trinity, August 10, I confirmed in the afternoon an officer of the U. S. Navy, in the Chapel of the Navy Yard at Charlestown.

On the evening of Tuesday, September 9, I preached in Christ Church, Plymouth. On the following day, at an Ordination held in the same church, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Benjamin B. Babbitt, Deacon, Rector of the parish. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Rev. T. W. Snow, Rector of St. Thomas's, Taunton; who also, in company with the Rev. Messrs. Lambert, Cutler, and Fales, united with me in the laying on of hands. In the evening a missionary meeting was held in the church, on occasion of the assembling of the Southern District Church Missionary Association; and, on this occasion, after addresses by the Rev. Messrs. S. B. Babcock, Snow, and Burrill, I made a few concluding observations.

On the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 28, I confirmed 8 in the evening in the temporary place of worship used by the parish of St. John's, East Boston. In my Address of last year, I mentioned that this congregation were endeavoring, through the agency of their Rector, the Rev. N. G. Allen, to collect funds for the building of a new church, in place of that which had been destroyed by a violent storm just before its completion. I am happy to state that these efforts have been so far successful, that another

building has been reared, and covered in. It cannot however, without further and generous aid, be rapidly finished. This object, so desirable in that populous locality, which presents so inviting a field for missionary labor, I trust will be duly appreciated by those who have hearts to feel, and substance to bestow.

On Tuesday, September 30, at an Ordination held in Grace Church, Boston; I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Charles W. Homer, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. P. H. Greenleaf. Mr. Homer, during the greater part of the time since his ordination, has been officiating in St. Paul's, Newburyport, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Washburn. The latter left this country not long since for China, and will probably spend several years abroad.

On Wednesday, October 1, I confirmed 3 in the evening in St. John's, Millville. I am sorry to say that, the debt contracted in the erection of this beautiful church not having yet been removed, its consecration has not taken place. The Rev. Mr. Birchmore, the Rector, has, since the time of my visit, resigned the charge of the parish, and is now officiating in Grace Church, Medford, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. D. G. Haskins. Millville offers a very encouraging field of labor, and the parish is self-supporting. I trust it may soon be supplied with a devoted pastor.

On Thursday, October 2, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon, and catechized the children, in St. John's, Wilkinsonville.

On Friday, October 3, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Clappville.

On the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, October 5, in All Saints', Worcester, I preached in the morning, and administered the Holy Communion in conjunction with the Rector; and in the afternoon confirmed 3 persons.

On Wednesday, October 8, I preached in the morning in St.

Paul's, Otis; and in the afternoon preached, and catechized the children, in St. Andrew's, New Boston.

On Thursday, October 9, I preached in the afternoon in St. James's, Great Barrington; and in the evening, in the same church, confirmed 4 persons. Since the last Convention, the Rev. Mr. Field has been succeeded in the charge of this parish by the Rev. Mr. Woart, formerly Rector of Christ Church, Boston. I have recently learned with great pleasure, that measures have been taken by the congregation for building a new church, whose dimensions shall be more suited than those of the present edifice to the wants of the parish.

On Friday, October 10, I confirmed 2 in the morning in Trinity Church, Vandeusenville; and in the afternoon, after a sermon in the same church by the Rev. S. D. Denison, of the Diocese of Connecticut, and formerly Rector of St. James's, Great Barrington, confirmed a parishioner who was too late for the morning Confirmation; making the whole number of persons confirmed 3. I also examined the children of the parish in the Catechism. It was a great pleasure to me to find, on my present visitation of this parish, that the parsonage, of which I spoke in my Address of last year, had been completed. I anticipate great benefit to the interests of the congregation from this undertaking, thus successfully carried through.

On the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, October 12, I confirmed 6 in the morning in St. Paul's, Stockbridge; and

In the afternoon of the same day confirmed 1 in Trinity Church, Lenox.

On Tuesday, October 14, I preached in the morning in St. Luke's, Lanesborough, and in the afternoon confirmed 6 persons.

On Wednesday, October 15, I preached in St. John's, Ashfield, and afterwards delivered a brief address to the congregation.

On Wednesday, October 29, in St. John's Church, Hartford, I had the pleasure of uniting with several of my Right Reverend

brethren in the consecration of the Rev. John Williams, D. D., to the office of Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut. God grant an abundant blessing on his labors, and render them conducive to the extension, in these evil days, of His own saving truth !

On the Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity, November 16, I confirmed 6 in the evening in Grace Church, Medford ; and afterwards administered that rite to a sick person in a private house.

On Thursday, November 20, in St. George's Church, New York, I was present and assisting at the consecration of the Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois. This solemnity was witnessed by a large assemblage of Laity and Clergy. Long may the life be spared of that aged, and highly honored servant of God, to whose labors in the extended West our Church is, under Providence, so deeply indebted ; and may his active coadjutor and himself, in their united work of patience, and labor of love, be gladdened with the evident presence of the Lord of the harvest !

On Saturday, December 13, I confirmed, at her own residence, a sick parishioner of St. Matthew's, South Boston.

On the evening of the Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 21, I confirmed 12, (including 1 from St. John's, Jamaica Plain,) in the Church of the Messiah, Boston.

On the Sunday after Christmas-Day, December 28, in Grace Church, Boston, I confirmed in the evening 12 parishioners of the Church of the Advent.

On the Epiphany, Tuesday, January 6, 1852, I instituted the Rev. William T. Smithett into the Rectorship of Christ Church, Boston, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Woart. The Sermon on this interesting occasion was preached by Mr. Woart, in presence of many of the clergy and others. Mr. Smithett is from the Diocese of New York ; and will, I am sure, have the prayers

of his brethren for the success of his labors in that ancient parish, to the oversight of which he has, with such entire unanimity, been called.

On Wednesday, January 7, at an Ordination held in Christ Church, Cambridge, I admitted to Priest's Orders, at the request of the Bishop of Ohio, the Rev. Benjamin Austin, Deacon, of that Diocese. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Smithett, who, together with the Rev. Messrs. Baury, Hoppin, Bartlet, and Lambert, united with me in the laying on of hands. Mr. Austin was immediately afterwards received by letters dimissory into this Diocese, and has become the Rector of Christ Church, Swansea; the Rev. John B. Richmond, formerly in charge of that parish, having resigned it for the Rectorship of St. Michael's, Marblehead, vacant by the removal of the Rev. Mr. Ballard to the Diocese of Connecticut. It is a gratification to the numerous friends of Mr. Ballard among us, to know that he is discharging with great success his duties as Principal of the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire.

On the First Sunday after the Epiphany, January 11, I attended in the evening, in the Church of the Messiah, Boston, the annual examination of the Sunday Scholars of that parish; and, after addresses by the Rev. Dr. Dyer, of Pennsylvania, the Rev. George H. Clark, of the Diocese of Georgia, and the Rev. S. B. Babcock, Rector of St. Paul's, Dedham, delivered a brief concluding address to the congregation.

On Wednesday, January 14, I instituted the Rev. William S. Child, from the Diocese of Rhode Island, into the Rectorship of Christ Church, Springfield, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Littlejohn, who during the last summer removed to the Diocese of Connecticut, and is the Rector of St. Paul's, New Haven. The interest of the services was much increased by the presence of the Rev. Henry W. Lee, D. D., Rector of St. Luke's, Rochester, who, at my request, occupied on this occasion the pulpit of this his former

parish by delivering the Sermon. I was highly gratified by witnessing, at this time, the completion of the intention mentioned in my last annual Address as having been formed by the Vestry, of enlarging the dimensions of this church. The design has been executed with great success; and this sanctuary, by its increased size, and by the taste and beauty with which the interior arrangements have been carried out, is now one of the most capacious and impressive churches of the Diocese. May the blessing of God follow so zealous and noble an effort, and make this parish an efficient instrument for the promotion of his glory!

In the evening of the same day the church was again opened for divine service, when I preached.

On Saturday, January 17, I confirmed, at her own house, a sick parishioner of St. Matthew's, South Boston.

On the Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 25, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon in the temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation of St. Mark's, Boston; and also catechized the children.

Septuagesima Sunday, February 8, I confirmed 10 in the evening in Christ Church, Quincy. This Confirmation was a very gratifying token of God's blessing on the labors of the Rev. Mr. Burrill, who, ever since his ordination in June last, as already recorded, has been officiating in this parish. Under his faithful ministrations, the congregation is slowly, but steadily increasing.

On Thursday, February 12, the pleasing duty was performed by me of consecrating the new Church of the Ascension, Fall River, erected by the parish in place of the old church destroyed by fire, in the month of December, 1850. On this auspicious result of that conflagration, both the parishioners themselves, and those in this city and elsewhere who have afforded them their aid, may well be congratulated. A new building, free from incumbrance, has thus been secured; and the parish may confidently look forward, under the

Divine blessing, to days of spiritual and temporal prosperity. I intimated, in my last Address, their intention of building this new church of stone. This design, however, was found to be beyond the means in possession of the parishioners, and was therefore very judiciously abandoned. The present edifice of wood, nevertheless, completed at a cost of about \$5000, and after a plan furnished by Mr. Billings of this city, reflects great credit upon the architect by its simple beauty, and impressive effect. The building was filled, on the occasion of the consecration, with an attentive and interested congregation, including several of the Clergy of this Diocese, and the Rev. Mr. Millett, of the Diocese of Rhode Island. Released as Rector and people now are from the depressing circumstances of a parish debt, and of an inconvenient and unsightly edifice, may they enjoy to the full the comfort and satisfaction of their changed situation, and find the work of the Lord prospering in the midst of them more and more !

On Sexagesima Sunday, February 15, I visited St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield ; this parish having been omitted in the previous autumn, on account of improvements which were then in progress in the parish church. On the present occasion, I had the gratification of entering the renovated and enlarged building. Its length has been increased so as to add greatly to the number of sittings ; and the whole interior is truly church-like in appearance. An organ of fine tone, and associated with interesting recollections as having been, in former days, in old Trinity, Boston, has been purchased and improved, at a cost of \$1100 ; and now stands in St. Stephen's as the munificent gift of Miss Lucretia Newton. The arrangements of this new church are appropriate, convenient, and in excellent taste ; and I cannot forbear mentioning, as particularly beautiful, the chancel window of stained glass, which, at the cost of \$300, was presented by the ladies of the parish. The whole sum expended upon the enlargement and decorations amounts to about \$8000, contributed

by the parishioners themselves. The undertaking was a noble one, and has been most successfully accomplished.

On my present visit to the above parish, I preached in the morning and evening of Sunday, and in the afternoon confirmed 10 persons. On the following day, February 16, the church was opened twice for Divine service. In the afternoon a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Shaw of Lanesborough; and in the evening, after a sermon on the subject of Missions by the Rev. Mr. Pynchon, of Stockbridge, and a short Address on the same topic by myself, a collection was made for the benefit of the Diocesan Board of Missions.

On Tuesday, March 9, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Waltham; which, added to the 6 previously mentioned, make 11 as the whole number for the year. On the evening of the next day, I delivered an address in the same church at the missionary meeting of the Eastern District Church Missionary Association, after addresses by the Rev. Dr. Vinton and the Rev. W. R. Babcock.

On Thursday, March 18, I instituted the Rev. William Flint, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, into the Rectorship of St. John's, Charlestown, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. P. H. Greenleaf. By this event the anxieties of an important parish, which had been destitute of the services of a resident pastor for the greater part of a year, have been most satisfactorily put to rest; and we may now look forward, under the blessing of that Holy Spirit without whom nothing is strong, and nothing is holy, to its growth and stability.

On the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 21, I confirmed 9 in the morning in Trinity Church, Boston, including one person from St. John's, Jamaica Plain.

In the afternoon of the same day, I confirmed 8 in Grace Church, Boston; and afterwards catechized the children of the parish.

On Thursday, April 1, I confirmed 21 in the afternoon in St.

Stephen's Chapel, Boston. To these are to be added 6 hereafter to be mentioned, making 27 as the whole number confirmed during the year.

On the Sunday next before Easter, April 4, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Cambridge.

On Good Friday, April 9, I confirmed 16 in the morning in St. Paul's, Boston. To these is to be added 1 hereafter to be mentioned, making 17 as the whole number for the year.

On Easter Day, April 11, in Christ Church, Boston, I confirmed 15 in the evening, of whom 6 were from St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

On Thursday, April 15, I confirmed 13 in the evening in St. John's, Charlestown.

On Friday, April 16, I confirmed 4 in the evening in St. Thomas's, Taunton. The parsonage of this parish, the commencement of which I noticed in my Address of last year, is now completed, and is occupied by the Rector. It is a substantial and commodious building.

On the following day, at an Ordination held in the same church, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Horatio Gray, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese, and late a student of the Theological Seminary of Virginia. The Sermon on this occasion was preached by the Rev. Dr. Wayland. Mr. Gray is now officiating as an Assistant to the Rector of St. Andrew's, Philadelphia.

On the First Sunday after Easter, April 18, I preached in the morning and afternoon, and also catechized the children, in Grace Church, New Bedford. The Rev. Sanford J. Horton has resigned the Rectorship of this parish, and is now officiating in the Diocese of Connecticut. He has been succeeded by the Rev. N. T. Bent, formerly Rector of All Saints', Worcester.

On Tuesday, April 20, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Swansea.

On Wednesday, April 21, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon in the Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

On Friday, April 23, I preached in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

On the Second Sunday after Easter, April 25, I preached in the morning in St. Andrew's, Hanover, and addressed the children of the Sunday School; and confirmed 2 in the afternoon. In the evening I preached in Trinity Church, Marshfield.

On the Third Sunday after Easter, May 2, I preached in the morning, and administered the Communion, in St. Paul's, Newburyport; and in the afternoon, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Baury, confirmed 3 persons.

In the evening of the same day, I confirmed 3 in St. James's, Amesbury.

On Tuesday evening, May 4, I confirmed 9 in Christ Church, Andover.

On Wednesday, May 5, in presence of a large congregation, and of a numerous body of the Clergy of this Diocese, I performed the gratifying duty of consecrating the new and substantial stone edifice, erected by the congregation of Grace Church, Lawrence. It is not often that, in the history of our recently formed parishes, there is so much to awaken feelings of reasonable joy as in the present instance. Not more than five years and a half have passed, since the first parish church, a small, though very beautiful place of worship, built at the expense of one individual, was set apart to the service of God. During the interval between that period and the present, the congregation, through the Spirit's blessing upon the labors of the efficient pastor, has increased with a healthy and vigorous growth; and now, it is the pleasure of the friends of our Church to behold, upon the same site where the old wooden building stood, the commodious, massive, and durable structure, which it was my privilege on the above day to consecrate. It was erected after a de-

sign by Mr. Billings, and contains between 600 and 700 sittings. The cost was \$9000, and every liability created by this pious work was discharged before the day of consecration.

On the evening of this same day, after a sermon by the Rev. Charles Mason, 7 persons ratified their vows, within the walls of this new sanctuary, in the rite of Confirmation.

On Thursday, May 6, I confirmed 8 in the afternoon in St. Peter's, Salem ; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 3 in St Stephen's, Lynn.

On Friday, May 7; I confirmed 40 in the evening in St. Anne's, Lowell.

On the Fourth Sunday after Easter, May 9, I confirmed 3 in the afternoon in St. Mary's, Dorchester ; which, with the 2 already mentioned, make 5 as the whole number for the year.

In the evening of the same day, I confirmed 6 in the temporary place of worship used by the congregation of St. Paul's, Brookline.

On Tuesday, May 11, I confirmed 3 in the afternoon in St. James's, Greenfield.

On Wednesday, May 12, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and preached in the evening, in St. John's, Northampton.

On Thursday, May 13, I confirmed 13 in the evening in Christ Church, Springfield. I also administered this rite in the afternoon to a sick parishioner, at her own residence.

On Friday, May 14, I preached in the evening in Grace Church, Chicopee.

On the Fifth Sunday after Easter, May 16, I confirmed 8 in the afternoon in St. Mary's, Newton, Lower Falls. Since the last Convention, the Rev. Mr. Baury, for nearly thirty years the Rector of this parish, has been compelled by considerations of health to resign the charge of it ; although, since the discontinuance of his connexion with this parochial cure, he has constantly and cheerfully

rendered assistance to his brethren in the ministry, by officiating for them in their churches. Mr. Baury has been succeeded at Newton, Lower Falls, by the Rev. Henry W. Woods, from the Diocese of Maryland, who was chosen with great unanimity.

In the evening of the same day, I confirmed 13 in the Church of the Messiah, Boston, including 1 from St. Paul's Church, Boston. During the past year, the rite of Confirmation has been administered on three successive occasions in this parish; and 29 persons have in this ordinance renewed their baptismal vows.

From the facts thus laid before the Convention the following result is gathered:—I have confirmed, during the year, 348 persons; consecrated 2 churches; laid the corner stone of 1 church; and ordained 4 Deacons, and 2 Priests.

Besides the changes already mentioned as having occurred since we last met, the following are to be recorded. The Rev. Albert C. Patterson, and the Rev. R. O. Page, Deacon, have removed with letters dimissory to the Diocese of Western New York; the Rev. E. F. Remington has been transferred to the Diocese of New York; the Rev. Moses P. Stickney to New Jersey; and the Rev. D. G. Estes to Missouri. The Rev. Henry Edwards has been received from the Diocese of Connecticut, and is the Rector of St. Paul's, Palmer. The Rev. John P. Robinson has ceased to be the Missionary of the Board of Missions to Seamen, officiating at the Chapel in Ann Street, and has been succeeded by the Rev. Christian Wiltberger, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The Rev. Dr. Chapman has relinquished the Rectorship of St. Stephen's, Pittsfield; the Rev. Shipley W. Willson, who, for several years, has labored with so much fidelity as the Chaplain of the House of Correction, South Boston, has been obliged by ill health to resign his situation; and the Rev. W. S. Bartlet has again become the Rector of St. Luke's, Chelsea.

The Rev. Silas Blaisdale, a well known and highly esteemed

Presbyter of this Diocese, was in June last, at his own earnest request, displaced by me from the ministry, under the provisions of Canon V of 1850. I availed myself, as far as possible, of the liberty given me by the Canon, in endeavoring to dissuade Mr. Blaisdale from his purpose; but, as he constantly urged action on the ground of a conscientious sense of duty, no alternative was left but that of performing the act above recorded.

It has pleased Almighty God to speak to us of the Clergy, since we last met together, a solemn admonition in reference to the uncertainty of this our life, and the duty of being ready to give an account of our stewardship. On the afternoon of Sunday, the 9th of November last, the Rev. W. Croswell, D.D., Rector of the Church of the Advent in this city, was attacked with apoplexy while engaged in the performance of his ministerial duties; and, shortly after being removed to his home, was taken from the world. My reverend brethren, we know not when the summons may come to ourselves. Let us so preach and live, as those who, at the next moment, may be called to put off this tabernacle. "Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing."

Dr. Croswell has been succeeded in the Church of the Advent by the Rt. Rev. H. Southgate, D. D.

The following are the names of the Candidates for Orders:— Alfred A. Gilbert, D. C. Maybin, W. Stevens Parker, W. B. Colburn, and B. H. Chase—Total, 5. The names of Charles F. Nourse, and George A. Gordon, have been taken from the list of Candidates at their own request.

It becomes my duty to record, that a Court of Presbyters, duly constituted according to the Canons of this Diocese, for the trial of the Rev. Oliver S. Prescott, on certain charges contained in a Presentment made by the Standing Committee, assembled in this city on the tenth day of February last. In regard to the Third of the said Charges, which was as follows, "The said Rev. Oliver

S. Prescott has taught and inculcated the doctrine that Priestly Absolution in connexion with and upon auricular confession is profitable and desirable to the individuals and allowable by the Church," the Court found that this Charge was sustained as to the fact of the respondent's having taught what is not allowed by the Church ; and found further, that the practice of private absolution is not sanctioned by our Church, and that in teaching it to be allowed by the said Church the respondent had gone contrary to her mind and practice. Whereupon the Court stated the sentence which in their opinion should be pronounced ; namely, " That the respondent be required, within ten days from the date of this instrument, to furnish to the Bishop of this Diocese a written certificate in the form appended of his readiness to renounce the claim and the practice of private absolution except in conformity with the Order in our Prayer Book for the Visitation of Prisoners, or in the contingency that might arise in the administration of the Communion to one sick with a contagious disease, and on his refusing to comply with this requisition that he be suspended until such certificate be furnished, and that the act itself of giving said certificate to said Bishop shall terminate the suspension." In pursuance of this sentence, Mr. Prescott, having refused to furnish the required certificate, was on the 15th day of March last pronounced by me to be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions, until such certificate is furnished.

I have to express my thanks to my brethren of the Clergy and Laity, for the readiness with which, on the 22d of June last, they responded to the invitation addressed to them, to unite in the celebration of the Third Jubilee of the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. The collections which were then made, with one or two exceptions, in the churches of this Diocese, were of great service to the treasury of our Board of Missions ; and the sermons preached have, without doubt, been extensively useful, in bringing to the knowledge of our people the operations of that

noble Institution, and thereby setting before them a salutary example of Christian philanthropy. May the Lord awaken among us, by his Holy Spirit, a more enlarged desire after the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom ! Blessed are they who, living above the frivolities and covetousness of a worldly and sordid age, are consecrating themselves to the work of saving themselves and others !

I am reminded, by the subject to which I have just alluded, of another kindred topic ; namely, the Protestant Episcopal Historical Society, with the fact of whose formation a few years since many of the attendants at this Convention must be acquainted. Among its members are included all the Bishops of our Church, and about 400 of the other Clergy and of the Laity. The object of the Institution is that of collecting and preserving documents, throwing light upon the past history, and present condition, of our Church in these United States ; and one important part of its plan is that of publishing annually one volume, or more, illustrative of the annals of our Communion. It is obvious that the usefulness of such a Society must depend very much upon the number of its supporters. I beg permission to commend it, therefore, to the attention of my brethren, not only of the Clergy, but of the Laity. Those who shall become subscribers will afford aid, thereby, to the work of publication, and, by the returns of printed volumes which they will receive, will be put in possession of highly interesting records of our early ecclesiastical history, and of past times. I would embrace this opportunity of saying, that any who desire to add their names to the list of members, can do so on application to either of the two Corresponding Members for this Diocese, the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, and the Rev. William S. Bartlet.

Before concluding this Address, I avail myself of the favorable opportunity afforded by the presence of so many of the Clergy and Laity from various parts of this State, for bespeaking their interest in a valuable Institution recently formed in this city. I refer to the

Boston Young Men's Christian Association ; whose godlike object it is to provide, for the youths who are constantly coming to this metropolis, the benefits of religious intercourse, and wholesome reading. Who can tell how many thousands, by the instrumentality of such a Society, may be preserved from the contamination of infidelity,—of false doctrine,—and of licentiousness,—all ready to lead astray the young stranger when he first enters upon his career in this crowded resort ? There is one feature in this Association which will surely commend it your affection, and lead you to point the young within the sphere of your influence to its means of blessing. It is composed of those only, among the various bodies of professed Christians, who hold those great fundamental doctrines of the gospel which it is the glory of our Church to maintain and to preserve. In consideration of this fact, I have felt it a duty, on various public occasions within the walls of our own churches, to excite attention to this Institution ; and likewise, at the opening of its Rooms not long since, gladly consented to deliver, at the request of its Managers, a short Address to a noble band of young men then gathered together. I have said thus much, with the view of interesting you all in the Association thus set on foot, and reminding you of the service you may render in guiding the young to its walls.

May God now be with us in our deliberations, and pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom, and love, and of a sound mind, for the sake of His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour !

The Rev. Theodore W. Snow, from the Committee on Qualifications, made the following report, in part :

This Committee would report that all the Clergymen, whose names were read by the Secretary, are entitled to seats.

Also, that all the Lay Delegates, whose certificates have been presented, are entitled to seats in this Convention,

with the exception of those sent from the Free Church of St. Mary's, Boston, not yet in union with this Convention, and St. Paul's Church, Nantucket, against the legality of whose election there is a protest. If those who advocate the legality of the appointment of these delegates, are desirous of a hearing, the Committee are prepared to hear them.

A few of the certificates do not mention, that the delegates chosen are "stated worshippers" in the parishes which they represent, as provided in the form of certificate, authorized by the vote of the Convention of 1849.

T. W. SNOW, *Chairman*.

Which report was, on motion, accepted.

On motion,

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's address as refers to the Protestant Episcopal Historical Society, be referred to a Committee of three persons, to report to this Convention.

The Chair, being requested to appoint said Committee, nominated the Rev. Wm. S. Bartlet, the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, and Mr. William Ames.

On motion,

Resolved, That the proposed Canon, as a substitute for Canons I. and II. of 1846, be referred to a Committee of five persons, to report in print to this Convention, and that that Committee be empowered to report on the whole subject of the amendment of the Canons.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Committee be appointed by the Chair.

The Chair accordingly appointed the Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D. D., the Rev. A. H. Vinton, D. D., the Rev. P. H. Greenleaf, and Messrs. Marcus Morton and R. H. Dana, Jr.

On motion,

Resolved, That this subject be made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 12 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Committee have leave to sit forth-with.

Mr. J. B. Kettell presented a petition from St. Mary's Free Church for Seamen, to be received into union with this Convention.

On motion,

This petition was referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

Mr. George M. Browne, from the Board of Missions to Seamen, made the annual report from that body.

On motion,

Resolved, That Hon. Marcus Morton be excused from the Committee on New Parishes.

The Chair appointed Mr. Samuel L. Crocker to supply the place of Hon. Marcus Morton, on that Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of Missions to Seamen to be laid on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the annual elections of the officers of the Diocese be made the order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn.

Adjourned.

Trinity Church, Boston,
Ascension Day, 8½ o'clock, A. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Isaac W. Hallam, Rector of the St. Stephen's Church, Lynn. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Isaac W. Hallam, who read the Epistle.

Morning service having been concluded, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop. The roll was called by the Secretary, and the minutes of yesterday's afternoon session were read and approved.

The Rev. S. B. Shaw, from the Committee on unfinished business, reported as follows:—

The Committee on Unfinished Business report, that a resolution presented by the Rev. Dr. Vinton to amend the 4th article of the Constitution, is the only unfinished business of the last Convention.

In behalf of the Committee,

S. BRENTON SHAW.

Which report was, on motion, accepted.

The Rev. Theodore W. Snow, from the Committee on Qualifications, made the following additional report:—

In addition to the names of the clergy already reported as entitled to seats in this Convention, your Committee would report the name of the Rev. John P. Robinson. Article III. of the Constitution of this Diocese recognises every clergyman of the Church "regularly officiating in some parish within the Commonwealth," if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within the State, for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, . . . and has for the same period been employed in performing the duties of his station.

Irrespective, therefore, of the question of the union of St. Mary's Church with this Convention, the present Rec-

tor of that Church is entitled to a seat, that Church having been duly organized according to the statutes of the Commonwealth, and he having regularly officiated in connection with that Church, since his separation from the Chapel of the Massachusetts Board of Missions for Seamen.

THEODORE W. SNOW.

Which, on motion, was accepted, and the Rev. John P. Robinson took his seat in the Convention accordingly.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Resolution printed on the 34th page of the Journal of 1851, and laid over for action by the present Convention, be now taken up.

On motion,

Resolved, That the said resolution be laid on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the resolution printed on the 28th page of the Journal of last year, be now taken up.

W. Raymond Lee, from the Standing Committee, made the annual report from that body, as follows :—

Report of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee, in conformity with Article VIII. of the Constitution, make the following report of their doings during the past year.

The Committee organized on Monday, June 2, 1851, by the choice of the Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D. D., as President, and W. Raymond Lee, as Secretary.

The Committee have held sixteen meetings during the year, and have signed canonical certificates in favor of the following persons, viz. :

Rev. John Williams, D. D., as Assistant Bishop elect of the Diocese of Connecticut, the Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D., as Assistant Bishop elect of the Diocese of Illinois, and Rev. William Creighton, D. D., as Provisional Bishop elect of the Diocese of New York.

Rev. John T. Burrill and Rev. B. B. Babbit for the Order of Priest.

John P. Hubbard, John T. Burrill, Horatio Gray, D. C. Maybin, and Charles W. Homer, for the Order of Deacon.

W. Stevens Parker, William B. Colburn, and B. H. Chase, as candidates for Holy Orders.

They have made presentments to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, under Canon I. of 1846, as follows :

Rev. Henry W. Adams, charged with " Dishonesty in secular affairs," " Abuse of confidence reposed in him in business transactions," and " Falsehood."

Rev. Oliver S. Prescott, charged with violation of the laws and canons of the Church, and of the order and discipline of the same, in exercising clerical functions while under suspension.

For the Committee,

W. RAYMOND LEE, *Secretary.*

Which, on motion, was accepted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the resolution printed on the 28th page of the Journal of 1851, be adopted.

Resolved, That all applications for the admission of new parishes into union with this Convention, be received and referred to the Standing Committee. And that the said Committee be required to examine into the circumstances of the party making the application ; to ascertain the number of Episcopalians resident in the place where it is proposed to establish a new parish ; what resources they have from the establishment of a neighboring parish already in existence ; what the population of the town in which it is proposed to establish such parish, may amount to ; what may be expected to be its probable increase ; what is the number, character, and influence of other Christian denominations in the same place ; and what are the resources in possession of the applicants, whereon may be founded a reasonable expectation, that they now are, or are likely to become, within a reasonable time, a self-supporting Parish ; and that they make report of the same to the next Convention, with their opinion thereon.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Geo. D. Wildes and Mr. Charles P. Gordon, tellers to collect and count the votes for Standing Committee.

J. S. Copley Greene, from the Tract Committee, presented the annual report of that body, as follows:—

Report of the Tract Committee.

The Tract Committee beg leave to report: That, so far as their means would allow, they have attended to the work assigned them. They have received the following donations, viz.:

From Christ Church, Waltham,	• • • • •	\$20.00
“ St. Paul’s, Nantucket,	• • • • •	4.55
“ a person, unknown,	• • • • •	1.00
“ St. Peter’s, Salem,	• • • • •	20.00
Total,		45.55

They have the plates of two new tracts, viz.: No. 37, entitled, “Count-up your Mercies,” and No. 38, entitled, “Beware; or a Caution against Covetousness.”

And there is a balance in the Treasury, after paying for these and for the insurance on all the stereotyped plates, of \$10.28.

A vacancy having been caused by the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Fuller, it was filled by the election of the Rev. William R. Babcock.

The Convention of last year reappointed the Committee, contrary to the judgment of the former members, and it appears doubtful to the present board whether, in view of the indifference shown both to its publications and to its Treasury, it be expedient that it should be again appointed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

For the Committee,

J. S. COPLEY GREENE, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Which, on motion, was accepted.

The Rev. W. S. Bartlet, from the Committee on the subject of the Protestant Episcopal Historical Society, made the following report :

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Protestant Episcopal Historical Society, beg leave respectfully to report : That the value of historical studies is too generally admitted to need any argument in their favor. For the collection of the material that constitutes history, Historical Societies have been deemed among the most valuable agencies, and have been established in various parts of Europe and in many of the States of this Union.

Such Societies have, however, done so little towards illustrating the history of the Episcopal Church in the United States, that the need of a Society for this special object is apparent. To meet this need, the Society before named was formed, and now appeals to the Church at large for aid. It now numbers about four hundred members, and includes among them all the Bishops, with some of the most respectable of the clergy and laity. The condition of membership is the payment of two dollars annually, for which each member will be entitled to one copy of all the publications of the Society for the year covered by his subscription.

In 1851, a volume of Collections of 230 pages was issued by this Society. This was done on an income that year of about \$450.

Should this matter excite that interest in our Church which it ought, two or more volumes might be issued yearly, thus more than remunerating members for the small amount of their subscriptions.

If any body of Christians is interested in preserving their early memorials, it is surely American Episcopalians. Members of their mother church visited this country nearly half a century before any other Protestant Christians, and established two colonies thirteen years before Massachusetts Bay was settled. Clergymen of the Church of England accompanied those colonies, and the names of these clergymen have been preserved.

The first religious services by Protestants in the whole of this

vast country north of Virginia were conducted for some months by a clergyman of the Church of England, in a territory which, for more than a century, was politically and ecclesiastically connected with Massachusetts. Many documents which would have illustrated the history of the Church in this Diocese are known to be lost. It is therefore of the more consequence to preserve those that remain. But they must share the fate of others, if some public agency do not collect them, publishing some of them and reserving others for future use. The Protestant Episcopal Historical Society is such an agency, and it would be wise for Episcopalians in Massachusetts to aid it by becoming members, and also to transmit to either of the corresponding members in this Diocese, books or papers of historical value.

Your Committee would trust that many, especially of the laity, will do so, and they would offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Protestant Episcopal Society merits the general support of the members of our communion in this country, and that Episcopalians in this Diocese are requested to promote its interests by becoming members of it, and by transmitting to either of its corresponding members in Massachusetts any books or papers they may have which are suited to the purposes of this Society.

Resolved, That it would greatly subserve the interests of the Institution in general, and be practically valuable for this Diocese, if some one gentleman, clerical or lay, in each parish, would take pains to collect the statistics of the Church in such parish.

And your Committee suggest the following questions : Name of Church and place ? When founded ? How (if at all) endowed ? Names of Clergymen ? When settled, and when and how their connection with the parish ceased ? Any interesting incidents connected with the parish ?

WILLIAM S. BARTLET,	} <i>Committee.</i>
S. B. BABCOCK,	
WILLIAM AMES,	

Which, on motion, was accepted.

The tellers appointed to collect and count the votes for a Standing Committee reported that the Convention had made choice of the following gentlemen :

CLERICAL.

LAITY.

The Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D.D.,	S. L. Crocker,
“ George M. Randall,	George M. Dexter,
“ Charles Mason,	Otis Daniell.

Who were accordingly declared to be elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That the resolutions appended to the report of the Committee on the Protestant Episcopal Historical Society be adopted. (See page 37.)

The Rev. Thomas F. Fales, from the Committee on New Parishes, offered the following report :

The Committee on New Parishes would report, that they have had under consideration the application from the “Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors,” in the city of Boston, for admission into union with this Convention, and find that they have complied with the requisitions of the 10th article of the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese.

The Committee think it proper to state that a paper has been presented to them, intended as a protest against the admission of this Parish into union with the Convention, on the ground of a withdrawal of the consent of the Rector of Christ Church, in this city, to the officiating of the Rev. Mr. Robinson, as contemplated, and the consequent want of the required majority of Rectors consenting. But in the judgment of the Committee, this does not affect the *canonical organization* of the Parish.

The title of the Parish, however, indicates that it is intended for a class of persons for whom the Convention has made special provision in the appointment of a Board of Missions and the establishment of a Chapel for Seamen, and that Board, in their report to the present Con-

vention, has represented this organization as conflicting with their operations.

Whether the two organizations do thus conflict, whether both are needed, and both can be sustained, are grave questions, affecting the *expediency* of the admission of the "Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors," which the Committee submit to the decision of the Convention.

THOMAS F. FALES, *Chairman*.

Which, on motion, was accepted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the application of the Free Church of St. Mary's for Seamen, to be received into union with this Convention, be referred to the Standing Committee, as provided for by the resolution just adopted; to be reported on at the next Annual Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the order of the day appointed for 12 o'clock be postponed till 4 o'clock this P. M.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention now adjourn until 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Mr. John Edson, delegate from Trinity Church, Bridgewater, asked leave of absence for the remainder of the session, which,

On motion, was granted.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the proposed alteration of the canons for the trial of clergymen, reported by preparing a printed copy of the proposed amendments, which were read by the Secretary, section by section.

The amendment to Canon I, after considerable discussion and certain modifications, was adopted, as follows :

Strike out the 11th, 12th, and 13th lines of Section 1, and insert, " Such presentment shall be made in writing, addressed to the Bishop, stating the charges made against the accused, with specifications as to time, place, and circumstances ; and any of the specifications in said presentment may be amended from time to time by the Judge Advocate, as the Court may order, and in case," &c.

On motion,

Resolved, That the amendment to Canon II. be re-committed to the same Committee, to report to the next Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That Article 4th of the Constitution be amended, by striking out the words, "are duly organized," and inserting the words, "have been duly organized for the space of one year, and during that time have held regular public services."

On motion,

Resolved, That the remaining section of the proposed amendment of the Constitution, (page 34 of Journal, 1851,) be non-accepted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the resolution on page 28 of Journal of 1851, adopted this morning, be now established as Canon of 1852, entitled, "Of Admission of New Parishes into Union with this Convention."

The Rev. Theodore W. Snow, Secretary of the Board of Missions, presented the annual report of that body.

Report of the Board of Missions.

This Board respectfully presents to the Convention this their Sixteenth Annual Report.

The appropriations for the year have been as follows :

To the Missionary at St. John's Church, East Boston,	250.
" " " Christ " Plymouth,	\$150.
" " " Christ " Swansea,	150.
" " " Grace " Lawrence,	200.
" " " Ascension " Fall River,	200.
" " " St. Paul's " Otis,	} 150.
" " " St. Andrew's " New Boston,	
" " " St. Paul's " Stockbridge,	} 150.
" " " Trinity " Lennox,	
" " " Trinity " Vandeusenville,	100.
" " " St. Paul's " Palmer,	200.
" " " St. Luke's " Chelsea,	150.
" " " St. Paul's " Nantucket,	150.

In addition to the above appropriations, the sum of \$25 was voted to the Rev. John W. Birchmore, as also to the Rev. John H. Rouse, although they have not been missionaries of the Board during the past year, they having been under the impression that our financial year closed on the 1st of July, instead of the 1st of April. The same sum was also voted to the Rev. William Withington, for services in Ashfield the last year, and \$14 to the Rev. B. Austin, for services this year at the same station. \$60 were voted to the Rev. John West, for services in Newtonville, and there were strong hopes that the enterprise at this point would prove eminently successful. Pledges, satisfactory to two lay members of the Board, who were appointed a committee of investigation, and who visited the village, were secured by the missionary to considerable amount from resident attendants on our services, and there was every appearance of the speedy erection of a church ; but during the autumn, these pledges were withdrawn, and the visits of the missionary were discontinued.

With regard to the minute details connected with the several posts at which our laborers have been at work, we would refer you to their special reports, to be published in the Journal. Their general aspect is, to say the least, as satisfactory as usual. It is not our privilege, from time to time, to place on record the

marked and strong success which would cheer our anxious task, and encourage to animated and earnest coöperation with us, but hardly a year passes in which we cannot see that something is done to convince us that our labors are not altogether "in vain in the Lord." On the present occasion, we are happy to state that Christ Church, Clappville, by its own voluntary act, after an appropriation had been made to it, has become self-supporting; St. John's Church, East Boston, has risen from its ruins, and, although not fully completed, is occupied by the congregation, and, it is hoped, will be ready for consecration in a few months; the Church of the Ascension, Fall River, has been rebuilt from designs by Billings, presenting a neat, convenient, and beautifully furnished structure; and Grace Church, Lawrence, is in possession of a thoroughly built stone edifice, adapted, in its large increase of sittings, to the rapidly growing town in which it is planted. These circumstances are a guaranty for the wisdom and patience of those who have brought their work to such good issues, and an evidence of the smiles of a kind Providence.

We are once more able to state that our Treasury is unencumbered with debt. The collections taken at the Jubilee celebration through the Diocese came in very liberally, opening our year under most favorable circumstances.

THEODORE W. SNOW, *Secretary*.

Which, on motion, was accepted.

The Rev. P. H. Greenleaf, Secretary of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, presented the annual report of that body.

Report of Widows and Orphans Society.

The Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church present the following statement of their investments, expenditures, and proceedings for the year past, to the Convention in this Diocese.

It appears by the Treasurer's Report that the receipts of the Society up to the present time have been . \$5524 00

Of this amount there has been invested as follows :

In Boston Institution for Savings,	\$1549 00
In Suffolk Savings Bank,	2081 02
In Hospital Life Insurance Company,	894 00
In a Mortgage of Real Estate,	1000 00

A sermon before this Society was delivered in Grace Church, Boston, on Sunday evening, January 18, 1852, second Sunday after the Epiphany, by the Right Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., the Bishop of the Diocese, and a collection made in aid of its funds. The Society applied to the Bishop for leave to print and distribute his excellent sermon, which he declined to grant; and a rule was thereupon adopted that no future sermon before this Society should be printed.

The Society lament to record the death, since the last Report, of their friend and fellow-laborer, the Rev. William Croswell, D. D. He was endeared to us no less by the moral beauty and excellence of his life, than by his faithful and disinterested labors in the Society, from the first day of its organization; and in the unexpected manner in which he was called from among us, we receive the admonition to be diligent in that our hands find to do for the widow and orphan, and to follow him in his labors of love, as he followed Christ.

The Society are gratified to be able to report, that the amount of contract-relief, contemplated by its laws, which our brother secured for his family, has been paid to the legal representative of his widow and child. We have reason to repeat the admonition given in the last year's report, that every year brings its solemn warning to those of the clergy who are still spared to work in their Master's service through the broad field of the world, that they, too, must lie down in the dust; and again appeal to them to avail themselves of the opportunity given them, in this Association, to provide for the necessities of those near and dear to them, who must soon be left to care for themselves.

The resolution of the Society, to make an effort to raise \$10,000 in aid of its funds, is still in the hands of a Committee, and, it is hoped, will be fully executed before another year shall have passed. Meanwhile, they have instructed their Secretary to ask this Convention to pass in their favor the same resolution,

as to the Lenten Collection, which was passed by the last Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese.

P. H. GREENLEAF, *Secretary*.

Boston, May 21, 1852.

Which, on motion, was accepted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the several Parishes of this Diocese be requested to make a collection in behalf of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, at some period during the next Lenten Season; and that the amount so collected shall be applied, so far as may be, to constitute the Pastor of the Church, for the time being, a member and contributor of the Society.

The Rev. Samuel B. Babcock presented the annual account of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Aged and Indigent Clergymen. (See Appendix.)

In the absence of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, the Rev. Samuel Cutler reported, that they recommend that Trinity Church, Boston, be the place, and the third Wednesday in May be the time, for holding the next Annual Convention of this Diocese; and that the Rev. George Packard be the preacher of the Annual Convention Sermon, and the Rev. William R. Babcock the substitute.

Which report was,

On motion, accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to nominate the Tract Committee, the Board of Missions, the Board of Missions to Seamen, and the Board of Commissioners for Church Extension.

The Chair appointed, as that Committee, the Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D. D., the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, and Hon. Edward A. Newton.

The Committee reported the following persons to form the Board of Missions :

The Rt. Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D.D., *ex officio*, President.

The Rev. Charles Mason,	Otis Daniell,
" John Wayland, D.D.,	James B. Dow,
" Thomas F. Fales,	George M. Dexter,
" Joseph H. Clinch,	Charles H. Parker.
" William R. Babcock,	
" George M. Randall,	
" Theodore W. Snow,	

Who, on motion, were declared elected.

The same Committee nominated the following to constitute the Board of Missions to Seamen :

The Right Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D.

The Rev. P. H. Greenleaf,	George A. Brown,
" George M. Randall,	Richard Girdler,
Mr. Benjamin C. Clark,	George M. Browne,
" Joseph B. Ellicott,	Benjamin P. Richardson,
" Foster Waterman,	Thomas S. English.

Who, on motion, were elected.

The same Committee recommended the following persons to form the Tract Committee :

The Right Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D.

The Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D.,	J. S. Copley Greene,
" Joseph H. Clinch,	George M. Browne,
" William R. Babcock.	

Who, on motion, were elected.

The same Committee reported the following persons to form the Board of Commissioners for Church Extension :

The Right Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D.

The Rev. Alex. H. Vinton, D. D.,	William Appleton,
" Theodore Edson, D. D.,	George M. Dexter,
" Patrick H. Greenleaf,	Ebenezer Rhodes.

Who, on motion, were declared elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the Journal be printed, and be distributed according to the number of communicants; adhering to the provision of the Canon of 1828, that no Parish, "neglecting to comply with the requisitions of this Canon, receive more than five copies of the Journal."

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed to assist the Secretary in publishing the Journals of the Convention.

The Chair appointed the Assistant Secretary and the Treasurer, as that Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the House now proceed to fill the vacancies in the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, caused by the removal of the Rev. Edward Ballard from the Diocese, and by the death of the Rev. Dr. Croswell.

On motion,

Resolved, That in these elections, balloting be dispensed with.

The Rev. William R. Babcock was chosen to fill the former vacancy, and the Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D. D., was elected in place of Rev. W. Croswell, D. D., deceased.

The Rev. Thomas R. Lambert offered the following resolution:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God, since our last meeting in Convention, to take from us by death the Rev. William Croswell, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Advent, Boston, therefore

Resolved, That, in this sudden and impressive summons of one long associated with us in his life and labors, we receive a solemn admonition to each one of ourselves, bearing the same sacred office.

Resolved, That we cherish affectionately the memory of his gentleness, sincerity, and faithfulness in all his rela-

tions to his brethren; that we honor his distinguished pastoral devotion and kindness to the poor of Christ's flock, and his earnest consecration of his superior attainments, as a scholar, in the cause of Christ and His Church.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the quota to the clergymen entitled to receive their travelling expenses from the Convention.

The Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D., from the Finance Committee, presented the following report :

The Committee on Finance report, that the Treasurer's account has been examined, and is believed to be correct.

The present indebtedness of the Convention for printing, &c., is about \$300; there is now due from unpaid assessments about \$360; amount now in Treasury, \$68; estimated income of Convention, \$300; estimated expenses — printing Journal, \$200; contingent expenses, \$50. Travelling expenses recommended to be allowed as follows: Rev. Messrs. Green, \$10; Shaw, \$10; Rouse, \$5; E. Allen, \$5; —, \$5.

In view of the increasing size and expense of the Journal, it is recommended that a Committee be appointed to consider and report to the next Convention on what principles any reduction of the Journals may properly be made.

Respectfully submitted.

THEODORE EDSON.

Which, on motion, was accepted.

The minutes of the Session were read and approved.

Resolved, That, after the usual religious services, the Convention adjourn.

The 103d Hymn was then sung, with the Doxology, and, after prayer and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest,

JOSEPH H. CLINCH, *Secretary*.

GEORGE D. WILDES, *Assistant Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Suffolk County.

Trinity Church, Boston.

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rector.

THE REV. JOHN COTTON SMITH, Assistant Minister on the
Greene Foundation.

Baptisms, (infants,) 26. Marriages, 8. Burials, 12. Confirmed, 8. Communicants, 360. Sunday Scholars, 110; Teachers, 20. Contributions:—Communion offerings, \$562.37; church-building, \$1842.50; Diocesan Missions, \$634.71; Missions in Maine, \$45; Seamen's Mission, \$326.58; Foreign Missions, \$167.90; for liquidating the debts of churches, \$150; building of parsonages, \$250; collected for the poor at the Price Lectures, \$137.24; City Mission, \$229; collection for the Sunday School of Trinity Church, \$111.75; for the American Sunday School Union, \$171; for the Boston Young Men's Christian Association, \$323; other benevolent objects, \$80. Of the amount contributed to church-building, \$375 were given by the Ladies' Missionary Association, which also paid \$100 to Diocesan, and \$32 to Foreign Missions, as part of the amount above reported. Of the amount given to Foreign Missions, the Sunday School contributed \$95.03; and also \$5.88 of the contribution to Diocesan Missions.

Of the donations to the American Sunday School Union, \$80 were a gift from the Sunday School.

The total amount of contributions above reported is \$5081.05. It is believed, however, that other benefactions, which cannot now be ascertained, would, if added, shew a much larger sum expended for religious and charitable purposes than that which has been stated.

The Rev. John Cotton Smith has been elected Assistant Minister, and will enter on his duties on the second Sunday in June.

Christ Church, Boston.

THE REV. W. T. SMITHETT, Rector.

1850—'51.

Baptisms, 41. Marriages, 8. Burials, 14. Communicants, 93. Sunday School : Teachers, 7 ; Scholars, 85 ; Librarians, 2 ; Books in S. S. Library, 302 ; do. in Parish, 393. Church offerings, &c. : Holy Communion, \$62 ; Foreign Missions, 25 ; Massachusetts Diocesan Board, \$10 ; Parish purposes, \$82 ; in aid of other churches, \$175 ; Total, \$354.

1851—'52.

Baptisms, 37. Marriages, 18. Burials, 30. Communicants, 114. Confirmed, 9. Sunday School : Teachers, 9 ; Scholars, 135 ; Librarians, 2 ; Books in S. S. Library, 392 ; do. in Parish Library, 393. Church offerings, &c. : Holy Communion, \$89.50 ; Domestic Missions, \$20.00 ; Foreign Missions, \$10.00 ; Education in China, \$25.00 ; School Library, \$14.00 ; Massachusetts Board of Missions, \$15.65 ; Towards other churches, \$90.00 ; For Parish purposes, \$500.00. Total for 1851—'52, \$764.15.

This last item includes contributions towards defraying the floating debts of the Parish, and partly furnishing the Rector's Residence.

During this period, the Rev. John Woart was rector for the first six months, assisted by the Rev. H. W. Adams. After which until the election of the present incumbent, the Rev. Messrs. Bartlet, Leach, Munroe, Baurý, and others occasionally offici-

ated in the parish. The undersigned was elected in October last. Instituted, January 6, 1852.

The annexed statistics are presumed to be as nearly correct as the recently settled Rector could possibly furnish. The condition of the Parish, for the past two years, owing to the failing health and resignation of the late esteemed Rector, being well known. The Wardens' Annual Report of the Parish, terminating with Easter last, presents a most encouraging aspect, when compared with those of several years previous. The proprietors therefore thank God and take courage. With the advice of the Bishop, steps have been taken and a subscription list opened, to enable this ancient Church to maintain herself free of incumbrance, while her property, now leased, shall revert, and form the basis of a permanent endowment. For the interest manifested, and the material aid rendered, the Corporation has to acknowledge the liberality of the Rectors and certain members of the parishes of Trinity, St. Paul's, and Grace Church, Boston; which will be long and gratefully remembered by the Proprietors of Christ Church.

The Sunday School promises extensive usefulness, could an effective staff of Teachers be found of almost double the present number, to engage in the interesting work, which this parish so pre-eminently offers. The Rector has also found important auxiliaries in the Fragment Society — the Young Ladies Missionary Society, and the Missionary Society of Christ Church; these have a powerful influence upon the interest both of the parish and Sunday School, while the attendance at the meetings, and the contributions made from time to time to the funds, indicate a healthy and thriving condition.

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

THE REV. A. H. VINTON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 4, infants 13) 17. Communicants: added, 36; died, 6; removed, 11; present number, 320. Confirmed, 17. Marriages, 12. Burials, 18. Sunday School and Bible Class: Teachers, 35; pupils, 170; adult Female Bible Class, 70.

Charities: Foreign Missions, \$397.61.; Domestic Missions, \$1189.88; Diocesan Missions, \$407; Seamen's Mission, \$137.40; City Mission, \$400; for widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$127.58; church-building, \$700; Boston Young Men's Christian Association, \$500; Offertory, \$482.92; Sunday Schools at the West, \$564; Colporteurs, \$450; other objects, \$2000. Total \$7356.39.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

THE REV. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 44. Communicants: added, 14; died or removed, 17; present number, 68. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 14. Burials, 39. Sunday School Scholars, 90. Missionary contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$10. Other contributions for religious purposes, \$266.35. This last amount includes \$16.50 to the building fund of St. John's Church, East Boston; \$8.00 to Christ's Church, Quincy; \$8.00 to Rev. J. P. Robinson; \$6.00 to the American S. S. Union; \$1.00 to St. Matthew's Church, Detroit; \$10 to the Widows and Orphans Society; \$57.40 Communion alms.

This Parish has suffered more than in any previous year by death and removal; the churches in San Francisco, in particular, have been made strong by our weakness. In other respects, the state of the Parish continues without material change.

Grace Church, Boston.

THE REV. CHARLES MASON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 27, adults 3,) 30. Communicants: added, 28; died or removed, 25; present number, 214. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 14. Burials, 9. Sunday School: Teachers, 24; Scholars, 135. Missionary contributions: General Board, \$285; Massachusetts Board, \$177.43; Missions within the Diocese not connected with the Board, \$100; Mission for Seamen, \$50. Fund for aged and indigent Clergymen, \$40; widow and children of a deceased Clergyman, \$75. Communion alms, \$227.41.

Other offerings intrusted to the Rector, for the Poor, \$176. Total, \$1130.84.

No unusual change has taken place in this parish during the year past. It has lost highly valued members by death and removal, and it has also received some important accessions. The Sunday School continues to prosper, and the results of our efforts to bring the children of the poor within the range of its benefits are highly encouraging.

Church of the Messiah.

THE REV. GEORGE M. RANDALL, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 10, infants 21,) total, 31. Communicants: added, 47; died or removed, 37; total, 223. Marriages, 16. Burials, 8. Confirmed, 29. Sunday School: Scholars, 210; Teachers, 30; Librarians, 2; total, 242. Contributions: communion alms, \$156.94½; weekly offering, \$420.72, — of which were appropriated to Diocesan Missions, \$75.00; Western Missions, \$25.00; Church in East Boston, \$20.00; Society for Relief of Aged and Indigent Clergymen, \$25.00; Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$32.00; Provident Association, \$28.00; Seamen's Mission, \$8.00; Sunday School Books, \$34.33. Sunday School collections, \$116.12, — of which were contributed by the Scholars, for Africa, \$40.00; by the Bible Classes, for Sunday Schools at the West, \$29.28; by the Teachers, to constitute the Rector a life member of the Young Men's Christian Association, \$20.00; at the Annual Sunday School Festival, for library books, \$26.84. Ladies' Sewing Circle, \$61.00. Total, \$754.78½.

Liberal contributions have been made, in addition to the above, by individuals in the Parish, towards defraying the expenses incurred by introducing gas into the church, and for other improvements, &c.

One hundred volumes from our Sunday School library have been presented to a Sunday School at the West.

Large additions have been made to the Sunday School, since the last Report. It is divided into 29 classes, of which 6 are

bible classes, — 2 for the instruction of young gentlemen, and 4 for young ladies.

Of the 30 teachers, 16 are males and 14 are females ; and all of them are communicants.

The children are catechised by the Rector every Sunday morning, (unless providentially prevented,) “openly in the church,” after which he performs the closing services of the school.

Of the 29 persons confirmed, 16 were connected with the Sunday School, either as scholars or teachers, all of whom were adults.

We have a band of faithful teachers, to whose devoted labors, under God, the Sunday School owes its success. We have great cause of thankfulness to our Divine Master, for the blessing He has been pleased to bestow upon our united efforts.

The congregation is gradually increasing.

Church of the Advent, Boston.

THE RIGHT REV. H. SOUTHGATE, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 46, adults 5,) 51. Communicants : reported last year, 189 ; present number, 243 ; increase, 54. Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 20. Burials, 22.

The present Rector, having lately entered upon the duties of his office, is unable, as yet, to present a fuller report of the statistics of the Parish. It is believed, however, that its increase, during the past year, has not been less, but rather greater, than during any former year ; as is shown in the large addition to the number of communicants, which forms a small portion of the whole addition to the Parish. And yet it has been visited by one of the severest bereavements that can befall a congregation—the loss of a Rector universally beloved and respected. The undersigned can only pray that upon him may descend something of the eminently humble, faithful and devoted spirit which shone so brightly in his predecessor, and that God will vouchsafe as signal a blessing to his labors.

Dr. Croswell died in the midst of his work, and in the vigor of his age, on Sunday, the 21st after Trinity, Nov. 9, 1851. The

present incumbent was elected Rector, Dec. 31, 1851, and entered upon the office, the first Sunday in March, 1852.

Immediately after the death of the late lamented Dr. Croswell, I was requested to take the temporary charge of the parish of the Advent. In compliance with this request, I took part in the daily morning and evening service of the sanctuary; assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion, solemnized 2 marriages, attended 3 funerals, baptized 1 adult and 10 infants, presented 12 persons to the Bishop for Confirmation, and performed such other duties as the exigencies of the parish, from time to time, during the vacancy of its Rectorship, seemed to require. The foregoing items will be included in the report of the present Rector.

ASA EATON.

Boston, May 19, 1852.

St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

THE REV. E. M. P. WELLS, D. D., Minister.

THE REV. JUSTIN FIELD, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms, 72. Confirmed, 27. Administration of the Holy Communion, 24 times. Marriages, 30. Burials 14. Sunday School: Teachers, 26; S. S. Scholars, 72.

The daily morning and evening prayer—the addresses and lectures on Saints' days, and on Wednesdays and Fridays,—the celebration of the Holy Communion monthly, and on all occasions for which a proper preface is appointed—the catechising of the children “openly in the Church,”—instead of the afternoon sermon on the last Sunday in each month, and the daily Parish School are continued as usual.

Over \$550 have been contributed and subscribed for Missions and for other benevolent objects.

I have received for the relief of the poor, \$2585, which together with \$450 more, making \$3036, I have expended, chiefly by giving 15641 meals, 3765 lodgings, 1755 large loaves, 1054 parcels of tea and sugar, 405 garments, rent for 169 families and individuals, fuel for 275 families and individuals, and for relief in 195 cases of sickness.

St. John's Church, East Boston.

THE REV. N. G. ALLEN, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 6. Communicants : added, 9 ; died or removed, 8 ; present number, 40. Confirmed, 8. Marriages 7. Burials, 5. Sunday Scholars, 70. Missionary contributions taken up at the Offertory, and other occasions : Massachusetts Board of Missions, \$15.11 ; Seamen's Mission, \$5.00 ; fund for infirm and indigent Clergymen, \$1.00 ; fund for relief of widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$5.00 ; other contributions for religious and charitable purposes, \$29.56. Total, \$50.67.

Since the last Conventional year, the Rector has devoted his whole time to the collection of funds for a new Church. And he desires to record the goodness of God, in giving him strength, both to suffer his will, in the repeated calamities of the parish, and in inspiring so many members of the Church to give of their means to this great and holy cause, so dear to his own heart. By persevering effort, he has been enabled to liquidate a debt upon the land, of *one thousand dollars*. For which, however, he is indebted chiefly to the noble munificence of G. B. Jones, Esq.,—who, in addition to former benefits, deducted *three hundred dollars*, on the consideration of a cash payment, due by agreement in 1860.

A church has been erected by Mr. Edwin Bailey, (builder,) from plans furnished by Muzzey & Stevens. It is of the pointed style—70 feet in length, by 42 feet wide—having a tower at the right corner, surmounted by a graceful spire. The windows, glazed by Mr. Cook, Atkinson Street, are of brown enameled glass, with stained borders. The chancel window, with appropriate ecclesiastical emblems, cost \$40.00,—the workmen, however, gave their own labor so as to reduce the expenses to \$25.00—by which it becomes a pleasing memento and monument to the late J. H. Collins, Esq., South Boston ; who previous to his ill-fated voyage, in which he met with a watery grave, in the very same gale which demolished our first Church, left a donation to that amount for this sacred object.

The young ladies of the parish have collected funds to the amount of \$45.35—and purchased therewith two elegantly carved black walnut chairs for the Chancel—manufactured in Montreal, U. C.; these have been cushioned with very rich satin damask covers, by B. R. Woodward, Esq., at an expense of \$20.00, which he has generously contributed as a free will offering to the Church.

A class of little girls in the Sunday School, have collected, with the aid of their teacher, moneys for an Italian Baptismal Font, valued at \$25.00. And they are now raising funds for the purchase of a Silver Communion Service. An excellent Prayer Book for the desk has been presented by Isaac F. Shepard, Esq., while J. Woolsey Borland has the most hearty thanks of the Rector and parish, for the donation of an elegantly bound and beautiful copy of the Bible, Oxford edition.

In conclusion, the Rector would say for the encouragement of the friends of the Church, that thus far, every thing of a pecuniary nature is on a perfectly safe footing. The land is free of any incumbrance. And the present subscriptions for the Church, will, when collected, pay all the instalments, thus far due, while the basement, (adapted for a lecture and Sunday School room,) is ready for occupancy. Ye, then, who continually enjoy the blessed privilege of worshipping God, and listening to a preached Gospel, in churches of your own, will you not bear with us one more year, while we make a final appeal for your co-operation, in this heavenly work, that it may be our happiness to report at the next Convention, that our Church is completed, paid for, and consecrated to Jehovah; that the most High may there record His Holy Name, and make it none other than the Temple of the Lord, the very gate of Heaven!

St. Mark's Church, Boston.

THE REV. P. H. GREENLEAF, Rector.

Baptisms, 12. Communicants, 25. Confirmed 2, and in other parishes 3, total 5. Marriages, 6. Burials, 8. Sunday Scholars, 67; Teachers, 11; total, 78.

On the 4th day of April, 1851, several gentlemen met at the house of Charles H. Parker, Esq., to organize a new Parish in the south part of this city. The present Rector was elected its Pastor, and notice thereof given to the Bishop and Convention of the Church in this Diocese. The chief difficulty in the commencement of this enterprise was the want of a suitable place of worship, within the bounds of Ward 11, the field of the work, and not too near any other church of our communion. An edifice built for, and occupied by, a Congregational Parish at the South End, being about to be sold and removed, was purchased for the use of this Parish by a few of its friends, and a suitable site on Concord Street obtained for it. Meanwhile, that the enterprise might not be delayed, the use of the Ward Room of this ward was obtained from the city ; and on Trinity Sunday, June 15, services were commenced, and held regularly until the injury of the building by fire, in August, compelled the discontinuance of worship. The edifice thus purchased was removed to its present site, thoroughly repaired and fitted for our worship, and on the 28th of September, 1851, was opened for divine service. A stone Font, the gift of R. Barry, Esq., was placed in the church ; and a few kind friends having presented the Parish with a new Communion Service, the Holy Communion was administered for the first time, November 2, 1851. The organ used in this church is of the kind known in France as the *Orgue Melodium*, and is of great sweetness and power, materially assisting the devout and decent performance of the music in the service. In the same month, a Sunday School was commenced with 29 pupils, and under the kind superintendence of Henry Burroughs, Esq., has steadily increased and prospered.

The ward of the city within whose bounds this Parish is located contained, in May, 1850, 10,480 souls ; is largely increasing ; and will always be a place of residence for those whose business lies elsewhere. The essentially Protestant character of its population, the number and extent of its public squares, fountains, &c., and the efforts made by the city government to favor its increase, combined with the fact that there is no place of worship of our Communion within its bounds, must point out this as a promising

field of usefulness. And if it can be sustained for a while in its present position, it is believed that one of the largest and best congregations in this city may be ultimately gathered. The families wholly or in part connected with this Parish are 54; and the sum of the attendance at Church, for the six months before Easter, was over *five thousand* souls, which gives a fair average for a new congregation.

It has not been thought expedient to make any other public collections than the usual Communion Offertory; although it should be recorded that *fifty* dollars in gold, addressed to the Rector, from "the Ladies of the Parish," was found upon the Altar on Easter-Sunday.

The Rector has officiated throughout the year upon the Sundays and the principal holy days; has taught weekly a Bible Class of young ladies, and the pupils of the Sunday School; and has met with the teachers of the Sunday School on every Friday evening for the purposes of instruction; and, whatever may be the result of this enterprise, he is glad to be able to say, that he neither regrets its undertaking, nor feels that he has labored in vain.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

In presenting to you a part of the Seventh Annual Report of the Mission for Seamen, allow me to observe, that, having so recently taken charge of the Mission, it is not to be expected that I should have any thing of very special interest to communicate. During the interval between the time of the late Missionary leaving the Mission in November last, and my entering on its duties, it was sustained by the kindness of several of the Clergy and some of the Laity.

It was not without many misgivings that I consented to enter on my duties. One question which weighed on my mind was, whether I possessed the qualifications which fitted me for the station. Preaching to seamen was to me a new field of labor; one in which I had no experience, and one which, it was supposed, required peculiar endowments; but from the limited experience already had, I find that seamen, like all other sinners,

need the plain, simple Gospel, exhibited in a plain, simple manner. I have also learned that seamen, like other men, have hearts, and feelings, and susceptibilities, and that the Gospel, by the blessing of God, can find its way to their consciences.

I commenced my labors at the Seamen's Chapel in Ann Street, the 14th of March last, since which I have held two services on each Sunday. The congregations in the morning have been small, though larger, on some occasions, I have been informed, than formerly. In the evening, they have been very encouraging, averaging from 40 to 100 seamen, and, with others who have attended, from 80 to 150. More attentive congregations are not found any where, and much interest has been manifested in the services.

The seamen present on each Sunday evening have been informed that those expecting to leave port the following week, by remaining after the services, could obtain books, tracts, and papers. In answer to this invitation, 167 have remained; and it was pleasant and interesting to see them pressing forward for the attainment of reading matter calculated to make them wise unto salvation. Those have also been informed that any such, wishing Bibles or Prayer Books, could obtain them by calling on the Missionary, at his room in the Chapel, during the week. This has been done, in order to give the Missionary an opportunity of seeing and conversing with them personally on the great concerns of the soul; and it is with much pleasure I am able to state, that this has proved one of the most interesting features of the Mission. 29 seamen have visited me at my room, some of them manifesting much interest in relation to spiritual matters. One young sailor, after conversation had with me, and prayer offered up to the Friend of sinners in his behalf, showed by his solemn countenance and his tears that he was not indifferent to the interests of his soul. Before leaving, he expressed his determination to devote the rest of his days to the service of God. A few days after, a younger brother called, who said he had been reading the book I had given him on Sunday evening, (Baxter's Call,) and from what the book said, he felt he had been very wicked, and wished to be better. With what pleasure was he pointed to "the

Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world!" He was asked how his brother was getting on. His reply was, "I believe, very well; all the spare moments he can get, he is reading his Bible and the books you gave him." Similar cases have occurred, greatly encouraging the heart of the Missionary, and causing him to look forward with much solicitude to the time when these seamen will return, and report what the Lord has done for their souls.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been administered on two occasions to 6 different persons.

Besides my labors at the Chapel, I have officiated on 5 different occasions in other churches.

Seamen have been visited at their boarding houses, and on board vessels, tracts given to those going to sea, and others invited to attend the Chapel.

Besides my labors among seamen, I have visited many families in the neighborhood of the Chapel, conversed and prayed with them, and invited them to attend on Sunday.

Marriages, 1. Bibles given to seamen, English, 58. Testaments, English, 11. Prayer Books, 18. Religious books, 133. Tracts, 2640 pages. Religious papers, 130. Total of books, 220. Clothing to distressed seamen, 16 pieces.

In closing this my first report, I cannot but express the conviction that I am engaged in a most important and interesting work, and by the blessing of Him, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is mighty, I look forward to the accomplishment of much good.

C. WILTBERGER,

Missionary to Seamen in the Port of Boston.

To the RT. REV. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts. }

Rt. Rev. Sir, — Through the indulgence of a kind Providence, I have been spared to complete another year's labor in the Vineyard of the Lord, and regret that I have been able to do so little, and that so imperfectly. The following summary will give you a brief view of my ministerial labors for our last conventional year.

Baptisms, infants, 7. Marriages, 2. Burials, 16.

In the Sunday School, which numbers about 100 scholars, I have offered prayers 78 times, and have given addresses, 39.

Have read prayers in public service 84 times, and have preached 80 times.

Have visited the House of Correction 150 times, and have spoken personally with the prisoners in the work shops, in their various places of employment, and in the cells, 14,200.

Have had particular conversations with the prisoners on their being discharged, giving them such advice respecting their future conduct as I deemed appropriate to their several cases : Men, 152, Women 132, making 284.

Of these the following numbers have taken the total abstinence pledge : Men 53, Women 50, making 103.

Have had conversations and prayers with the sick in the Hospitals, as follows : In the Men's Hospital, conversations 703, and prayers 93. In the Women's Hospital, conversations 635, and prayers 99, making conversations with the sick 1338, and prayers with the same 192.

Have given addresses in the women's work shop 100, and have had prayers with them 100 times.

In the men's department of labor, at the founderies, have given addresses 50, and had prayers with them 50 times.

In the men's work shop, I have given addresses 49, and have had prayers with them 49 times, making the number of addresses in the several work shops 199, and the number of prayers, 199.

In addition to the several items of labor included in the above schedule, there have been some others of an accidental kind, which are not properly reducible to either of the above divisions, and are therefore not included in the above aggregate.

I have now been connected with this Institution as its Chaplain for the last five years, and through the long continued daily labors which I have performed, my physical energies have gradually failed, and my general health has been much enfeebled ; consequently, I have failed to accomplish the amount of labor the last year, which I was enabled to perform in each of the preceding years. As the continuous labors of my chaplaincy would

not allow me to rest the requisite length of time for the recovery and establishment of my health, my medical advisers, family, and particular friends, requested me to give in my resignation, which I have done, and which took effect on the first day of the present month, at which time my regular year of service expired.

The last year has been one of the most painful and deeply sorrowful of my whole life, for in addition to my personal afflictions, I have been bereft of my dear and only daughter, who was not only tenderly endeared to me by the ties of natural affection, but more so by her amiable disposition, by her intellectual accomplishments, and more than all, by her sincere, pious, and devoted attachment to the liturgy, usages, and interests of the Church. These afflictions combined have called into requisition all the graces of the Christian, and though I have not possessed these in the eminent degree which has been my privilege, yet what I have been called to suffer, being overruled and sanctified by Divine Providence, I trust will be promotive of my better and higher interests. My only prevailing wish is to bow with patient submission to the Divine will and pleasure, so that my present "light affliction, which is but for a moment," may "work for me a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

My hope is, that a short season of rest may, with the Divine blessing, recruit my present feeble energies, and that I may soon be able to resume my labors in the vineyard of the Lord; however, I leave all at the Divine disposal.

SHIPLEY WELLS WILLSON,

Late Chaplain of the House of Correction, South Boston.
May 19th, 1852.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.

THE REV. WM. S. BARTLET, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 22, adults 2,) 24. Communicants: added, 14; died or removed, 2; present number, 51; Marriages, 5. Burials, 10. Sunday School Scholars, 52. Missionary contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$13.99. Other contributions for religious purposes: \$4.35 for Society for relief of widows and

orphans of deceased clergymen; \$9.33 by Sunday School Scholars for Library for themselves.

The undersigned was unanimously invited in May last to become Rector of this Parish, in which he had before labored for seven years. At the time of receiving this invitation, he was Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Providence, R. I., in which situation he found much that was pleasant and encouraging. As St. Luke's Church had passed through so much trial, and was greatly depressed, it was to his mind a question whether it could be revived and placed upon a permanent footing. He however decided to make the experiment, trusting in the blessing of that Being, without which all labor must prove fruitless. The undersigned entered upon his duties as Rector in July last. It is with much satisfaction that he is able to state that thus far every thing has been prosperous. Our average attendance is as large as at any former time. The number of pews let is almost as many as in previous years. Our Communion alms for the last ten months have been larger than they ever were before during a similar period. During six months there has been a service in this church every Sunday evening, with only four exceptions. I am indebted to the kindness of my brethren in Boston and vicinity for assistance in these services. The liberality of a gentleman in New York in contributing fifty dollars towards the Rector's salary should also be acknowledged here. Some candidates are now awaiting Confirmation. The town of Chelsea is increasing with great rapidity. St. Luke's is in a better condition to profit by this circumstance than it was formerly. And though we are burdened with a debt, two thirds of which were incurred within the two years previous to my return to this Church, yet it is hoped that this may not seriously retard the progress of the Parish.

Essex County.*St. Peter's Church, Salem.*

THE REV. WILLIAM R. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 31, adults 5,) 36. Communicants : added, 22 ; died or removed, 15 ; present number, 233. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 7. Sunday School : Teachers, 20 ; Scholars, 150. Missionary contributions : General Board, \$243.16 ; Massachusetts Board, \$119.02 ; Offerings for the Poor, \$243.25 ; weekly contributions of Sunday School, \$35. Collections : for Church at East Boston, \$50 ; for American S. S. Union, \$40 ; Diocesan Tract Committee, \$20 ; Education of an African youth, \$25 ; Mission to Seamen in Boston, \$30 ; Widows and Orphans' Society, \$25 ; various other charities, \$383.50. Total, \$1213.93.

The past year has brought us some cheering tokens of God's presence and blessing ; and we look forward in faith and hope, to the future.

Though the recent effort to establish a second Episcopal Parish in Salem—generously made and sustained by St. Peter's—has failed of present success, we by no means regard it as labor lost. The efficient exertions of the Rev. Mr. West, under whose auspices the effort was made, were highly appreciated. And whenever the means shall be provided for the erection of a second church, there is no reason to doubt, that a respectable congregation will soon be gathered.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

THE REV. JOHN B. RICHMOND, Rector.

I find from the records of the Parish, that since the last Convention, to January 1st, 1852, the time that I took charge of the same, there have been, Baptisms, infants, 1. Burials, 2. Collections : alms, \$10.30 ; Western Missions, \$13.65 ; Diocesan 22.12 ; Sunday School, 74 cents. Total, 36.51.

From January 1st, 1852. Baptisms, infants, 1. Burials, 1.

Married 1. Sunday School : Scholars, 48 ; Teachers, 9. Missionary and other contributions, \$23. From the commencement of Lent, to Easter, including Easter Sunday, I had read the full service, and preached four times each week, and have read prayers every Wednesday morning. The services of the Church have been well attended, and there has been a steady increase of the Congregation. In faith we look and pray to God for the outpouring of his spirit ; for we, like thousands around us, are in the midst of a spiritual drought. We are now holding service in a very convenient hall, the church being under repairs.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

[No Report.]

St. James's Church, Amesbury.

THE REV. W. WILLIAN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 8, adults 2,) 10. Communicants : added, 9 ; removed, 1 ; present number, 55. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 2. Burials, 9. Sunday School Scholars, 50 ; Teachers, 6. Contributions : Communion alms, \$16.87 ; for Domestic Missions, \$5.00 ; for Sunday School Books, \$11.37 ; other religious purposes, \$4.13 ; for altering and repairing church, \$212.91 ; Ladies' Sewing Circle, \$120.00 ; total, \$250.28.

Among many encouraging circumstances connected with the history of this Parish during the last year, the most worthy of remark is the steady and uninterrupted increase in the number of its stated worshippers ; an increase unparalleled in its previous annals, and of a character apparently insuring stability and permanence. Situated in the midst of influences by no means favorable to its growth, and composed, with scarcely an exception, of persons who are obliged to labor early and late for their daily bread, it has risen, in a comparatively short space of time, from a mere handful of devoted communicants, to the position which it now occupies, of a respectable congregation, whose interest in religious matters and uniform propriety of conduct are

especially worthy of observation, and afford a gratifying indication that the blessing of God has, in some measure, accompanied the labors which have been bestowed in their behalf. In addition to the Sunday School, which has never been in a more flourishing condition, both in numbers and interest, there is a Bible and Catechetical Class, numbering 25, under the instruction of the Rector.

Owing to the requisite repairs of the church, the current expenses of the year have been unusually large; yet for a Parish so limited in its means, the exertions which have been made to meet them, plainly denote a healthy condition of zeal and activity. Nor can I, in this connection, without manifest injustice, fail to mention, in terms of highest commendation, the devoted efforts of ladies composing the Sewing Circle, who have contributed so materially to lighten the burden of necessary expense. To their persevering labors and generous spirit, the Church has, in years past, been largely indebted for pecuniary assistance. It is believed that during the ensuing year, still brighter prospects will open upon us.

Christ Church, Andover.

THE REV. SAMUEL FULLER, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 15, adult 1,) 16. Communicants: added, 15; died or removed, 15; present number, 85. Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 5. Burials, 10. Sunday School Scholars, 75. Missionary and other contributions: General Board, \$103.55, viz., for support of two native scholars at Cape Palmas, \$40.00; Foreign Committee, \$37.82; Domestic, \$25.73: towards support of Episcopate of Indiana, \$28.75: Diocesan Board, \$42.89, viz., Jubilee Collection, June 22, \$22.62; Easter Collection, \$20.27: Diocesan Society for Relief of Aged and Indigent Clergymen, \$12.19: Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$9.76: Avails of Ladies' Sewing Society, \$58.25: Parish Sunday School, \$40.32: Parish Library, \$10.96: books and tracts distributed in the congregation, \$14.81: total, \$321.48.

During the year, the Sunday School Room in the basement of the church has, at an expense of nearly \$400, three-fourths of which was contributed by the ladies, been remodelled, furnished with settees, and otherwise greatly improved in convenience and comfort. On Sundays, this new and attractive place of instruction is filled with devoted teachers showing, and interested scholars learning, the ways of Christ. A building where, during the week, our children could, under the same influences, pursue the ordinary branches of education, is urgently needed.

Since the last Convention, the Parish has, by death and removal, lost several zealous communicants; and yet, through the unfailing mercy and renewing grace of our Divine Lord, our numbers have not been diminished. The importance of the position occupied by this Parish cannot be too highly estimated; the extension of the heavenly roots of this precious vine of God's own planting cannot be too deep; nor can labor and expenditures for the multiplication of its saving fruits be excessive. May He revive and bless, strengthen and increase it more and more!

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.

THE REV. ISAAC W. HALLAM, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 4. Communicants: added, 2; died or removed, 7; present number, 22. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 4. Burials, 2. Sunday School Scholars, 24. Missionary contributions: General Board, \$4.39; Massachusetts Board, \$17.63. Other contributions: Offertory, \$42.76; Ladies' Sewing Society, \$28.97; Sunday School, \$5.00; repairs in the church, \$204.00; total, \$302.75.

Grace Church, Lawrence.

THE REV. GEORGE PACKARD, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 18, adults 5,) 23. Communicants: added, 14; died or removed, 21; present number, 85. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 8. Burials, 11. Sunday School Scholars, 73. Mis-

sionary and other contributions : Massachusetts Board, \$20.25 ; China Mission, \$8.12 ; Lent Collection for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$7.09 ; Sunday School Library, \$14.65 ; Offertory, \$77.41 ; Ladies' Sewing Circle, \$259.11 ; total, \$386.63.

The event of the past year, with this Parish, is the erection and consecration of a new stone church, plain in appearance, but thorough in workmanship, and furnishing from six to seven hundred sittings. Most kindly has Providence smiled upon this truly important work. Though doing as much as we could with our limited means, we were compelled to ask largely for aid from abroad, and it was obtained. We have now a Parish church, paid for. We would gratefully acknowledge the generous contributions from Salem, Lowell, Andover, and Boston, and particularly from the gentleman to whom we were mainly indebted for the small church we have hitherto occupied, and without whose large donation we could not at present have worshipped in a consecrated church.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle of the Parish, never weary in well doing, contributed \$500.00 towards the erection of the church, and nearly all their receipts for the past year were devoted to appropriately furnishing the same.

Having now a new and permanent church with such accommodations, and retaining the older one for a Sunday School and lecture room, each of them upon lots owned by the Parish, and the Parish unincumbered with any debt, there seems to be every reason for its healthful and steady advancement, and for the expectation that it will soon be able to do something towards returning to the Treasury of the Church what it has received. Independent, at the close of the present year, of the Board of Missions, it would express its gratitude to it for the assistance it has afforded, and also to the churches composing the Eastern District Association, for the warm and substantial sympathy manifested by them from the very commencement of the enterprise.

May the Head of the Church bless us in spiritual as He has in temporal things.

Middlesex County.*Christ Church Cambridge.*

THE REV. N. HOPPIN, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 16. Communicants: added, 27; died or removed, 13; present number, 117. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 8. Burials, 21. Sunday Scholars, 32. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$33.00; Massachusetts Board, \$27.00; Church at East Boston, \$25.00; Church at Whitewater, Wisconsin, \$70.00; Church at Urbana, Ohio, \$10.00. Sunday School, \$3.12. Alms for the poor, \$151.63. Total, \$319.75.

The parish is still steadily increasing in numbers, and may be considered as outwardly in a good condition. Large accommodations are needed, though there is a natural unwillingness to alter so old a church, of such excellent proportions.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.

THE REV. WILLIAM P. PAGE, Officiating Minister.

By invitation of the Wardens and Vestrymen, I have officiated at this Church, with the exception of four Sundays, since August last, also on Christmas day, Good Friday and Easter; have baptized three children, and attended two funerals, and have administered the Communion on the first Sunday of each month. The present number of Communicants is about forty.

This Parish has been for some time, owing to a vacancy in the Rectorship, in a depressed condition; but I can see no reason why, with faithful and zealous efforts and God's blessing, it may not be made a prosperous Parish. The neighboring population is large, and every year increasing. There is a sincere and ardent desire on the part of the Parishioners to sustain the Church, but their means are comparatively small, and they need, for awhile, some assistance, to enable them to do it. With such temporary aid, it may, I think, be confidently expected, that the Church will be able to sustain itself in a short time.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

THE REV. T. EDSON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 54, adults, 6,) 60. Communicants : added, 4 ; died or removed, 27 ; present number, 303. Confirmed, 40. Marriages, 13. Burials, 35. Sunday Scholars, 280. Contributions : General Board of Missions, Foreign, \$25 ; Domestic, \$35 ; Diocesan Missions, \$44 ; Seamen's Mission, \$20 ; St. John's Church, East Boston, \$42 ; other purposes, \$75 ; Total, \$241.

The Bishop's visit having been since the last Communion, the persons confirmed are not now reported as added communicants.

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

THE REV. HENRY W. WOODS, Rector.

During the period of little more than eight months, for which the present Rector has labored in this Parish, there have been adult baptisms, 5. The list of communicants given by the former Rector numbers 106 ; assuming this as a basis, three have been added, 11 ; died, 2 ; removed, 3 ; present number, 112. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 3. Burials, 9.

The Sunday School is now in a good condition. Average attendance of scholars, about 100 ; teachers, 15. Contributions : General Board, Domestic and Foreign Missions, \$40.00 ; Diocesan Missions, \$14.25 ; Society for the Relief of Aged and Indigent Clergymen, \$11.70 ; American Sunday School Union, \$10.00 ; Alms of the Offertory, \$33.00. Besides these, there was raised in the Parish a subscription for the relief of a widow belonging to the communion, of about \$100.00, and a subscription for making an addition to the Sunday School library, amounting to \$26.00.

St. Paul's Church Hopkinton.

This Church has been opened for Divine service by the undersigned, during the conventional year now closing, on eight

Sundays. 6 children have been baptized ; 1 funeral attended. Missionary contributions, on Jubilee Sunday, \$2.94. The congregations present at church, during these several occasions, have been small, but not more so than he has found to be the case in other vacant churches of the Diocese visited by him. All that seems wanting for the permanent establishment of a large and flourishing parish in Hopkinton, is the judicious services of an able and faithful minister of Christ's Church, who shall be content to labor in faith and patience till God shall give the increase.

The glebe belonging to this Parish is unincumbered, consisting of nearly two hundred acres of excellent land, and yields limited though increasing revenue.

ALFRED L. BAUBY.

St. John's Church, Charlestown.

THE REV. WILLIAM FLINT, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 11. Marriages, 5. Burials, 8. Communicants, about 100. Confirmed, 1. Sunday School : Teachers, 13 ; Scholars, 107. Missionary contributions, \$20.83 ; collection for Sunday School, \$16.98.

From Easter Monday, 1851, until the last day of February of the present year, this Parish was without a Rector, though divine service, with one exception, was regularly held on Sundays. On the first Sunday in Lent, the Rev. William Flint, of Erie, Pennsylvania, took charge of the Church as its Rector ; and under his ministrations, with the blessing of God, the members of the Parish confidently look forward to a realization of that prosperity and active usefulness, which through adverse circumstances have heretofore been denied to this branch of the Church.

The undersigned are happy in being able to report, that; though still laboring under heavy embarrassment, the financial condition of the Church is steadily improving, and that at the present time, it presents a more favorable and encouraging aspect than at any former period since the erection of our church.

Notwithstanding the statement in the report of 1844, that there was not at that time "a dollar of encumbrance on the church property," and the further representation of the report of 1851,

that during the ministrations and through "the personal instrumentality," of the late Rector, "nearly ten thousand dollars had been collected for parochial benefit," the undersigned find from an examination of the fiscal affairs of the church in 1847, that, on the first of October in that year, the actual pecuniary liabilities of the Parish amounted to \$9000. For the greater convenience and better security of all parties, these liabilities, including a considerable lien on the pews, were in that year consolidated in a mortgage on the building.

In April, 1850, through the personal exertions of the gentlemen of the Vestry, subscriptions to the amount of \$4500, payable prospectively and at fixed periods, were obtained towards the liquidation of the mortgage. Four thousand dollars of this sum were generously contributed within the Parish. Three thousand dollars of the amount have been collected, and endorsed on the mortgage note; the balance of \$1500 will be paid at the stipulated periods. There will then remain, as a debt on the church, unprovided for, the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars.

P. HUBBELL,
CHARLES W. MOORE, } *Wardens.*

The undersigned took charge of this Parish on the first Sunday of Lent, since which time he has baptized 2 adults, buried 3, and married 1. He has had the pleasure of presenting a class of 13 for confirmation. Another class, it is hoped, will soon be ready to renew their baptismal vows. The prospects for the future growth of the Parish are encouraging.

WILLIAM FLINT.

Grace Church, Medford.

THE REV. J. W. BIRCHMORE, Officiating Minister.

Baptisms, (infants 8, adults 2,) 10. Communicants, present number, 38. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 2. Burials, 7. Church offerings, \$6.60.

The resignation of the Rector, the Rev. D. G. Haskins, has hindered the presentation for confirmation of some; and also the

Parish has lost during the past year from death and removals, and in its pecuniary means.

Christ Church, Waltham.

THE REV. T. F. FALES, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 2, adults 1,) 3. Communicants: added, 19; died or removed, 6; present number, 63. Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 5. Burials, 8. Sunday School: Teachers, 9; Scholars, 53. Bible Classes, 2. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$132.52; Massachusetts Board, \$65.20; Sunday School, for Sunday School Missions at the West, \$30; other contributions, \$249.11; total, \$476.73.

During the past year, the ladies of the Parish have contributed from their Sewing Circle the sum of \$150 towards a bell, which, with the aid of a like amount contributed from another source, has lately been procured.

The usual services on Sunday have been sustained, with a weekly lecture during most of the year, and additional services in Lent. Our congregation has steadily increased, until nearly all the seats in the church are rented, and we have not been without encouraging evidence that God has given us his blessing.

Norfolk County.

Christ Church, Quincy.

THE REV. J. T. BURRILL, Minister.

Baptisms, infants, 8. Communicants: added, 7; died or removed, 6; present number, 49. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 4. Burials, 12. Sunday School Scholars, 40. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$2.00; Massachusetts Board, \$16.00. Other contributions for religious purposes, \$35.71, including \$2.00 for "Aged and Indigent Clergymen," and \$3.00 for the "Church of the Atonement," Chicago, Ill. In addition to this, about \$100.00 have been contributed for repairs on the church.

On Trinity Sunday, June 15, 1851, the present minister entered upon his duties in this Parish. It had then been for several months without the regular ministrations of the Gospel, and suffered much in consequence ; but since that time its condition has been gradually improving. It is still a day of small things with us, although this Church is one of the oldest in the Diocese. Its numerous friends, however, will be gratified to learn that, notwithstanding the discouragements and difficulties of various kinds it has had to contend with for a long time, its prospects are now better than they have been for several years. And we may hope, with God's blessing on the ministrations of the Gospel and ordinances of His own appointment steadily maintained, to see this Parish again placed in a good condition, and this ancient Church raised to exercise a commanding influence in this Diocese.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

THE REV. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 2, adults 2,) 4. Communicants : added, 13 ; died or removed, 6 ; present number, 94. Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6. Sunday School Scholars, 80. Missionary contributions : Diocesan, \$45.83 ; American Sunday School Union, \$26.40 ; Mission at Shanghai, \$10.00 ; American Bible Society, \$72.00 ; Church Building, \$25.00. Total, \$179.23.

We have expended \$25.00 for increase of Sunday School library. Our ladies have not forgotten their favorite mission, the Seamen's. They have repeatedly sent them supplies of clothing, the work of their own hands. Besides, they have aided the funds for the building of churches in East Boston and Detroit, Mich.

In addition to the above report of moneys, a large amount has been contributed by several gentlemen of the Parish, for church purposes, justly representing the liberality of the Parish, but which cannot be embodied in the list of contributions. They are known to reach hundreds.

We take good care of financial matters at home, though it falls somewhat heavily upon a few active members of the Church.

St. James's Church, Roxbury.

THE REV. JOHN WAYLAND, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, 16. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. Sunday Scholars, 60. Communicants varying on account of removals from the city and admissions from other churches, but about the same as last year.

There have been the regular public services throughout the year on Sundays, and also those which are customary during Lent. Had circumstances permitted, the Rector would have wished to increase the number of the latter services, and also to have a regular weekly lecture, at least, during a part of the year, and in addition, one monthly, preparatory to the Holy Communion. Such services he deems highly desirable in promoting the spiritual interests of a church and congregation. The Sunday School has been maintained with commendable zeal. A Bible class has been regularly held, and well attended by the teachers, to whom the Rector desires to express his thanks for their fidelity and devotion to one of the best of causes. A large part of the debt of the Church has been paid off this year. To further this object, the ladies of this Parish held a fair last winter, which gave substantial aid. The spirit and energy manifested by them, on that and other occasions, their forwardness to promote every good object, and their readiness, "according to their measure, and beyond their measure," to coöperate on any plan for the interests of the Parish, call for the gratitude of the Rector, which he delights to render. A like spirit has been shown on the part of the Wardens and Vestry, whose cordiality and willingness, in giving their personal and official influence to promote every thing connected with the welfare of this Church, have often cheered and encouraged the heart of the Rector.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.

THE REV. EDMUND F. SLAFTER, Rector.

Baptisms, 6. Communicants : added, 14 ; removed, 7 ; present number, 70. Confirmed, 6. Burials, 1. Catechumens, 40. Contributions at the Offertory, \$162.46. Sunday School Offerings for the support of a child in the Mission School in Africa, \$23.59. By the Ladies' Association, \$101.59. For Sunday School Library, \$50.00. Total, \$337.64. Other sums have been contributed for various religious purposes, the amount of which is not known to the Rector.

St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.

THE REV. G. W. PORTER, Rector.

Number of Communicants, 60 ; removed, 4 ; added, 13. Baptisms, (infants 6, adults 1,) 7. Confirmed, 5. Married, 1. Died, 8. During the last year, five pews have been purchased and set apart as free pews for the use of the poor of St. Mary's Parish. Amount of contributions for religious and charitable purposes, \$303.42.

St. Paul's Church, Brookline.

THE REV. WILLIAM HORTON, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 5. Confirmed, 6. Sunday Scholars, about 30. Burials, 3. Communicants, 40. Contributions : Foreign Missions, \$51.31 ; Diocesan Missions, \$61.01 ; to Bishop Chase, Illinois, \$43.41 ; Communion Offerings, \$52.86 ; total, \$198.59.

On the 29th day of July, 1851, the corner stone of the church was laid by the Bishop of the Diocese, with appropriate services. The material is stone. The style of architecture is the early decorated. It is expected to be ready for consecration the present season. From the beginning of the services, the congregation has been increasing in numbers.

Plymouth County.*St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.*

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

Baptisms, adults, 2. Communicants: added, 6; died or removed, 6; present number, 103. Confirmed 2. Marriages 1. Burials, 4. Sunday School Scholars, 60. Missionary Contributions: General Board, Domestic, for Illinois, \$20.00; Foreign, \$67.00; Massachusetts Board, \$26.95; American Sunday School Union, \$31.00; Church at East Boston, \$20.00; Seamen's Mission, \$10.00; Tract distribution, \$12.76. Other contributions, including an addition made to the parsonage, about \$160.00. Total, \$347.71.

In addition to these amounts for religious purposes, the Young Ladies' Society have contributed one hundred dollars towards the erection and furnishing of a new academy; and the Dorcas Society have also contributed fifty dollars. Making the whole amount for religious and educational purposes, \$497.71.

Among the Foreign contributions is included \$25.00 from the Dorcas Society, being their fifth annual payment of the same amount, for the support of a child at the China Mission. Of the contribution to the American Sunday School Union, \$12.00 was from the scholars in the Sunday School.

Trinity Church, Marshfield.

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

There is but little to report to the Convention respecting this parish. So far as we can judge, there is but little prospect of the services of the Church being sustained. In the town of Marshfield, containing a population of about sixteen hundred, there are eight houses of worship; four of which are in the small village where Trinity Church is situated. The congregations are all small. It is a question with the proprietors of Trinity Church, whether it is not best to dispose of the building. When

occasional services are held, on Sunday afternoon, there are full congregations, although principally composed of those who are not connected with our Church.

Of the Communicants belonging to this Church one has died leaving the present number, 7. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.

Christ Church, Plymouth.

THE REV. BENJAMIN B. BABBITT, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 3. Communicants: died or removed, 1; present number, 24. Marriages, 3; Sunday School Scholars, 25. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$13.42. Other Contributions for religious purposes: Communion Alma, \$16.04; Ladies' Society, \$28.50; Pew Rents, \$60; Subscriptions, \$70.

The Bishop having been prevented from making his usual visitation at Plymouth, this spring, there have been none confirmed. One, at least, will, however, be presented, it is hoped, when the Bishop visits us, during the summer, as he proposes to do.

The few and feeble results of this year's labor greatly disappoint both minister and people. We trust we feel this reproof for our want of faith. It is true we have faith in the future; but we have not the faith which supports present exertion. May this, our great failing, be corrected the coming year.

Services have been maintained regularly throughout the year, since the ordination of the Rector to the Priesthood, in September last. The Communion has been regularly administered every month. This has greatly improved the strength of the Parish. The general attendance has rather fallen off during the year, but the strength of the Parish has, nevertheless, increased. Some, who have attended church, for the want of what they liked better, have found their wants satisfied by the reorganization of the Free Will Baptist, and of the Methodist societies. Moreover certain persons of skeptical views, styling themselves Christians, hold meetings every Sunday, which collect many who might go elsewhere.

We are sadly hindered in our work for the want of a place where we may call together those careless ones, who have no fixed faith, and those who oppose us through ignorance. Could a chapel with a rectory attached, be erected at some central point, this parish would be soon fully established.

The Ladies' Society has now, it is hoped, been formed, on a permanent basis. It is truly the day of small things, but yet something has been done; and it is to be hoped something will continue to be done, systematically.

The increase of the strength of the Parish may be seen in the increased amount of the contributions. Quarterly collections have been taken for the Diocesan Board of Missions; and some, who before had neglected to pay what was justly due us, in the rent of pews, or to unite, in the contributions, have this year performed their duty, to some degree. It is, however, hoped that they are *not* satisfied with what they have done.

The general state of religion in Plymouth is, perhaps, worse than in any town in New England, of the same size and advantages. This is said, not only upon the personal knowledge of the Rector, but also upon assurances given him by capable and uninterested persons, or by persons who would be likely to speak more favorably of the land of their forefathers, *if they could*.

The plastering of the church is in rather an unfortunate condition, and general repairs will soon be absolutely necessary. Our church, too, has suffered, in common with some other church buildings, in neighboring towns, from the depredations of sacrilegious thieves. During the night of the 6th of April, the church was entered and robbed of a beautiful silk damask Altar cloth, a present from the parish of St. Paul's, Dedham, and formerly the property of Trinity Church, Boston. It was a relic of the old Colonial Church, valuable for its associations, as well as for its intrinsic worth. The robber made his exit through one of the large windows of the church, cutting himself badly with the glass and the metallic sash. No clue to the perpetrator of this sacrilege, has yet been found; and the expense of repairing the damage falls upon the parish at rather an unfortunate point in its progress.

The opinion which was expressed, in our last year's report, is only strengthened by another year's experience. This station must be maintained for some years to come, upon the same ground with our missionary stations in foreign lands. The time will come, when God will bless his Zion here; and, when it comes, there will be made a full return of all that has been done for us. The Church has taken deep, and firm root, in Plymouth, and is destined to attain a wide-spreading growth in time to come. But, as the motto is "slow but sure," so there is required a good degree of that patience which can "*wait*."

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

THE REV. A. EATON, D. D., Rector.

THE REV. H. N. HUDSON, Assistant Minister.

There has been no material change in the condition of this parish since the last annual Convention. The Rev. Mr. Hudson continued to officiate till the month of September; since which the service has for the most part been conducted by a layman. The Wardens and Vestry are endeavoring to obtain the services of a resident Rector, who, it is hoped, may be enabled, by the divine blessing, to strengthen the things that remain and are ready to die. There has been one burial during the year.

Bristol County.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

THE REV. THEODORE W. SNOW, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 7. Communicants: added, 27; died or removed, 11; present number, 146. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 3. Burials, 10. Sunday School Scholars, 152. Missionary contributions: Foreign Missions, \$44.00; American Sunday School Union, \$50.00. Church building and furnishing, \$72.00. Alms at the Offertory, \$144.20. Other charities, \$167.00. Amount in addition to the \$3000.00 raised last year for the Rectory, \$300.00. Total, \$777.20.

Every thing, it is believed, in the present aspect of this Parish, betokens a continuance of prosperity. During no year in its history has the attendance been so large on the services of the sanctuary and the lecture room. It is also worthy of remark that our congregations are now made up of a stationary and very substantial population. The Sunday School is supplied with a superintendent who takes a strong interest in the responsible work in which he is engaged. Of the amount above reported, \$83.00 comes from the Sunday School collections. In addition to our Parish Sunday School, there is a missionary Sunday School still kept up, at "Oakland," a village three miles from the church, numbering about 60 scholars.

I would take this occasion to thank the Parish most sincerely for the comfortable and convenient home which has been provided for me, and for those who shall come after me.

Grace Church, New Bedford.

THE REV. N. T. BENT, Rector.

On the first of April last, I assumed the Rectorship of this Parish, to which, in a former connection, the first five years of my ministry were devoted.

I am unable to give the statistics of the last year accurately, and therefore omit them altogether. The Parish has had many changes, and its full share of discouragements, and has met its own demands with a most liberal hand. Its present aspect is hopeful, and it doubtless is destined to fulfil its mission of great usefulness in this important city ; and the outlays of the past, by its ministers and its members, will be returned, it is believed, in the prosperity of the future. Our earnest desire to God is, that He would here give us to see "the work of the Lord prospering in our hands."

Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

THE REV. E. M. PORTER, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 27. Communicants: added, 9; died or removed, 8; present number, 76. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 7. Burials, 5. Sunday School Scholars, 120. Contributions, &c.: for Diocesan Missions, \$6.60; Mission in China, (an individual,) \$1.00; Communion Offerings, \$34.08.

In addition to the above, a balance of about \$150.00 has been raised to make up a deficiency for an organ; also, \$307.00, by the Ladies' Sewing Circle, for furnishing the church,—which makes the whole sum raised by this Parish the past year, (over and above the ordinary expenses,) \$498.68.

Since the opening of the new church, (in February last, when it was consecrated), the attendance has much increased; the Sunday School is larger, and the teachers, it is believed, never labored more faithfully in their work; and the whole prospect, as it regards this church, is greatly encouraging. We now, through the Divine blessing, have an edifice every way suited to the purposes of an Episcopal congregation,—not only of sufficient size, but chaste and church-like. The lecture-room, however, in the basement is not finished off. For the many liberal benefactions, bestowed for this church, both within and out of our own Communion, the Rector heartily unites with his people in thanksgivings to God. Among the donations abroad, we have had presented an elegant surplice by two ladies of St. Michael's Church, Bristol, R.I., many years well known in this region for numerous like favors; a Bible for the pulpit, by a lady "who followeth not with us;" a richly bound Bible and Prayer Books for the desk and chancel, by a Clergyman of our Church in Boston.

Here may the Holy Spirit ever make effectual the word and ordinances to the salvation of many souls!

Christ Church, Swansea.

THE REV. BENJAMIN AUSTIN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 1, adults 2,) 3. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 1. Burials, 5. Communicants: added, 2; removed, 9; present number, 12. Sunday School Scholars, 25. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$11.31.

It is obvious from the above report, that this Parish has, during the past Conventional year, suffered severely from removals, while at the same time the Record shows a number of Baptisms and persons confirmed, as great as in previous years. Our number of Communicants is less than has been before reported, but still, if the Missionary assistance which we still need, be continued, encouraging indications are not wanting.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle have, during the past year, continued their commendable work, and have recently voted to appropriate the funds in their treasury to the painting of the church.

Trinity Church, Pawtucket.

THE REV. GEORGE F. CUSHMAN, Minister.

Baptisms, (infants 5, adults 4,) 9. Communicants: added, 5; died or removed, 8; present number, 36. Burials, 8. Sunday School Scholars, 80. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$3.08. Other Contributions, \$9.48.

From the resignation of the former Rector, in October, 1849, to August 1850, services were entirely discontinued in this parish, and the Sunday School and congregation, then large and flourishing, were scattered—a blow from which the Parish has not yet recovered.

At the last named date, in accordance with the general desire, services were resumed; the Parish depending upon lay-reading and such occasional aid from Clergymen as they were able to procure.

In July 1851, the present incumbent took charge of the Parish

and a renewed effort was made to erect a church. Available subscriptions to the amount of \$4100 were obtained within the Parish.

Hitherto difficulties, seemingly insurmountable and which only those can appreciate who have been obliged to encounter them, have prevented the obtaining of an eligible location. It is only within the present week that we have been able to see the way clear, and to contract for a lot in every respect desirable, in the very heart of the town.

The contracts for the erection of the church are now being made, and by the next Convention we hope to report the church completed and consecrated.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle deserve great credit for their untiring zeal, having raised during the year upwards of two hundred dollars towards furnishing the church and other purposes.

The state of the Parish is as favorable as we can expect, seeing we have no resting place for the ark of God.

Nantucket County.

St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.

THE REV. ETHAN ALLEN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 1, adults 1,) 2. Communicants: added, 2; died or removed, 4. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$5; Tract Committee, \$4.67; Communion alms, \$19.70; Sunday collections, about \$65.00

The Ladies' Sewing Society has realized from its labors \$40. This little band of Christian women have pursued, during the past year, the even tenor of their way with much zeal and with great unanimity of feeling and exertion. They have set an example most worthy to be followed by all who would quietly and unobtrusively glorify God in all they do. The Lord reward them for all their work and labor of love.

The Sunday School has suffered from removals, and during the winter was often small from prevailing sickness or bad weather. Usual attendance from 25 to 30.

Looking back upon the past history of this Parish and comparing it with our present condition and prospects, we have reason to be encouraged. Our progress, indeed, has not been equal to our anticipations; still progress has been made, and the Parish is growing in numbers and stability. Holding, as we believe, an even and unwearied course, between opposite and dangerous extremes — we cannot but think that the day will come, when the claims of our Church shall be more extensively regarded by the influential and the wealthy of our community. It is not wealth, however, or worldly influence which we so much need at present, as we do the addition to our numbers of such as have, from the heart, renounced the pomps and vanities of this world — and who, though poor in earthly possessions are rich in faith, and ready to make sacrifices in the cause of their Lord and master.

Worcester County.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

THE REV. DANIEL L. B. GOODWIN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 13, Adults, 3,) 16. Communicants: added, 4; died, or removed, 13; present number, 65. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 6. Burials, 16. Sunday School Scholars, 45. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$13.00; Massachusetts Board, \$6.00.

No considerable change in the state of this Parish has taken place within the past year. The remarks made a year ago, and in previous years, are still true, and appropriate; but need not now be repeated.

All Saints' Church, Worcester.

THE REV. N. T. BENT, (late) Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 4, adults 1,) 5. Communicants: added, 8; died or removed, 6; present number, 64. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. Contributions: General Domestic Mis-

sions, \$14.60. Communion alms and other collections for charitable purposes, about \$50.

On the first of April last, I resigned the charge of this Parish to accept that of Grace Church, New Bedford. At the date of my connection with the Parish, it became for the first time, self-supporting, and has continued so since. The resources of the congregation are limited, and to meet respectably their current expenditures has required a more liberal contribution from its members than is often made. But they have been fully discharged up to this date.

The Parish for the last year has gained by accessions, and lost by removals from the town. Its future growth must be very slow. But this important post, occupied only too late, ought not to be and will not be abandoned.

I desire to record my grateful sense of the uniform kindness and regard which I have received at the hands of this people, and I fervently commend them to the best blessings of God's providence and grace.

Christ Church, Clappville.

THE REV. JOHN H. ROUSE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 15, adults 1,) 16. Communicants: added, 3; died or removed, 3; present number, 39. Confirmed, 2. Married, 2. Buried, 6. Sunday School: Teachers, 6; Scholars, 40. Charitable contributions, about \$100.

This Parish, in all that relates to its outward and temporal interests, is decidedly prosperous; spiritually, we need the quickening and life-giving influences of the Holy Spirit.

St. John's Church, Millville.

THE REV. JOHN W. BIRCHMORE, (late) Rector.

Families, about 30. Baptisms, infants, 2. Communicants: added, 8; removed, 3; present number, 26. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 2. Missionary contributions, \$21.15.

The late Rector resigned the Parish at Easter, 1852. The Parish is growing, and offers a field very encouraging. Three years have passed since it was organized, and a blessing has seemed to accompany its existence. Like all new enterprises of the sort, the "burden and heat of the day" have fallen on one or two, and for this reason we have not as yet realized our hope of last year, of worshipping ere "a few weeks" in a consecrated church. But though this has not yet been accomplished, the money thus far contributed, is answering the object of the donors; and the debt of the Parish is in the hands of the projector of the work. The revival of business will, doubtless, see the work accomplished. A lot of land next the church-yard has been obtained for a parsonage, and in due season it is hoped that suitable accommodation will be provided for the clergyman.

The late Rector has been constantly engaged in his duties during the past year. Since his resignation he has had temporary charge of Grace Church, Medford.

Hampden County.

Christ Church, Springfield.

THE REV. W. S. CHILD, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 11, adults 5,) 16. Communicants: added, 23; died, 1; present number, about 125. Confirmed 14. Marriages, 10. Burials, 7. Sunday School: Teachers, 15; Scholars, 75. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$113.40; Diocesan Board, \$15; Fund for widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$23.59; Communion Alms, \$106.90. Total \$256.89.

The present incumbent took charge of the Parish the 1st of October last. At that time the church was undergoing an enlargement of some thirty feet; and extensive alterations, amounting to a complete change of the whole interior of the structure, were in progress. This work was brought to a successful completion at an expense of about \$7000, so that the building was re-opened

for divine service the 2d Sunday after Christmas (January 4th.) The Parish are seeing their generous exertions abundantly rewarded, in large and attentive congregations constantly crowding the portals of the sanctuary. Notwithstanding the enlargement, the demand for sittings is already become difficult to supply, and there is evidently an increasing interest in the Church throughout this community.

It is with heartfelt emotions of gratitude to the Giver of "every good and every perfect gift" that we record tokens of the liberality of friends of the Parish from abroad: — \$500 from our beloved Diocesan towards the enlargement; and from A. Doody, Esq., of Rochester, W. N. Y., \$350 towards enabling us to secure in exchange for our old organ a larger and finer instrument, better adapted to the increased capacity of the building.

It may be proper to state, that the diminished total of communicants, compared with the number reported last year, notwithstanding the considerable increase of the present year, is accounted for, from the fact that the record has been subjected to a thorough revisal, and many names dropped from the list that heretofore have been included.

Nearly the whole amount of the contributions reported has been received since the re-opening of the church in January last. Previous to that time, on account of the irregularity of the services, and the uncertainty of obtaining a supply, offerings were only occasionally taken up.

St. Paul's Church, Palmer.

THE REV. HENRY EDWARDS, Rector.

The Rector respectfully reports, that he entered upon the charge of this Parish on the last Sunday in July, A. D., 1851. During his ministry here, he has baptized two adults and four infants; two persons have been admitted to the Holy Communion and two Communicants have removed away, leaving the present number 5. Two marriages have been solemnized. The collections have amounted to about \$23.

The removal of some of the small number of parishioners

together with the unwillingness of the Board of Missions of the Diocese to assist the Parish after April 1st of the present year, will lead, in a short time, to the relinquishment of all attempts to establish the church in this village. The people of the place have done all that could reasonably be expected of them, and the responsibility of the failure must therefore rest with those from whom they were led to expect assistance for sometime to come, but which assistance is now withdrawn.

Grace Church, Chicopee.

[No Report.]

Trinity Church, Holyoke.

[No Report.]

Hampshire County.

St. John's Church, Northampton.

THE REV. HENRY BURROUGHS, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 10, adults 1,) 11. Communicants: added, 4; died or removed, 4; present number, 75. Marriages, 4. Burials, 3. Sunday School Scholars, 40. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$16; Massachusetts Board, \$13.

The stated services of the Church have been regularly maintained. The Rector superintends and instructs the Sunday School, and catechises the children "openly in the Church," on the afternoon of the first Sunday in every month. A Bible class at the house of the Rector has been well attended during the winter.

Franklin County.

St. James's Church, Greenfield.

THE REV. T. STRONG, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 4. Communicants: added, 10; died or removed, 12; present number, 76. Confirmed, 3. Marriages,
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11. Burials, 9. Sunday School Scholars, 40. Missionary Contributions: General Board, Foreign, \$13.66, Domestic, \$30; Massachusetts Board, \$15; Seamen's Mission, \$15.

This Parish has experienced a greater loss of members by death and removal, since the last Convention, than in any year since its organization. Several of our most valuable and highly esteemed communicants have been called to give account of themselves to God—and among these is numbered the late Senior Warden, Dr. A. F. Stone, who for forty years has labored for the prosperity of the Parish, and who has been permitted to witness its increase from five individuals to a comparatively large and flourishing congregation. We trust that he has gone from the services that he loved in the temple below, to worship with those who are ever before the throne of God and the Lamb.

Notwithstanding our trials and deprivations during the past year, the prospects of the Church are still fair and encouraging. There is no debt upon the Parish, and the pews rented at Easter for more than enough to pay the salary of the Rector and all incidental expenses.

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

[No Report.]

Berkshire County.

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

THE REV. S. BRENTON SHAW, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 3, adults 3,) 6. Communicants: added 3; died or removed 3; present number, 67. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5 (one in Pittsfield.) Sunday Scholars, 70. Missionary Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$7; To building church in Warsaw, Ill., \$5; For sufferers by fire \$50; Other Contributions, \$112. Total, \$174.

The temporal and spiritual condition of this Parish is much the same as when last reported. So long as the population of the town remains stationary, no essential increase can be expected.

Notwithstanding, however, all those fluctuations to which all organizations of men are necessarily subject, the services of the Church are generally well attended, and the permanency of their continuance is placed beyond the influence of caprice or change. During the twenty-one years of his connection with this flock, the Rector has witnessed the loss by death or removal of a larger number than that which constitutes his present charge. Nevertheless the good Providence of God has in a great measure filled up the gap, and left us no reason to distrust his mercy and grace for all future time.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

Baptisms, (infants 4, adults 4,) 8. Confirmed, 10. Added to Communion, 17; died or removed, 15; present number, 100. Marriages, 7. Funerals, 8. Sunday School teachers and scholars, about the same with last year. The contemplated improvement and enlargement of this church has been accomplished, and it was opened by me, with appropriate discourses, on Sunday, the 1st day of February last. The present will be the closing report of my services in this Parish. G. T. CHAPMAN.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

THE REV. JOHN WOART, Rector.

Last year this Parish was reported as having 119 communicants; 4 have since been added. 4 persons were confirmed in October last. In July, 1 adult was baptized, and 3 children; 1 child has since been baptized—5. Funerals, 9. Marriages, 3.

The Rev. Mr. Field resigned this Parish in July last. In August the present Rector visited it, and continued to supply it personally, or by exchanges, until the 19th of October, when he removed to Great Barrington.

Monthly missionary collections have been established, and are to be continued. The contributions for April were appropriated to the Diocesan Society for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, agreeably to a vote of the last Convention.

We have had no regular Sunday School classes with teachers,

during the past winter, but the Rector has catechised the younger members of the congregation after service every Sunday afternoon.

Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.

THE REV. LEWIS GREEN, Rector.

Communicants: added, 2; removed, 1; present number, 42. Baptisms, infants, 2. Married, 3. Buried, 3. Sunday School Teachers, 5; Scholars, 30. Communion Offerings, \$13.96. Sunday School Library, \$6.32. Missions in this Diocese, \$2.57. Also from West Stockbridge, \$3.46. For the erection of a Parsonage, about \$600.

The Parsonage mentioned in the last report has been so nearly completed, that it is expected to be occupied in a few weeks. This work has been accomplished through the blessing of God on the exertions of the Parish, and the liberal assistance of friends from abroad. Our Bishop generously contributed \$100 for this object, and Mr. Archibald S. Morrison, of Brooklyn, N. Y., \$200. The Rector collected \$141 from churchmen in Boston and Lowell, and we have also received \$100 from Christ Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. To all who have thus aided us we desire to express our gratitude. It is hoped that, under God, the Parsonage may be a means of strengthening the Parish.

St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.

THE REV. HENRY S. ATTWATER, Rector.

Baptisms, infant, 1. Communicants: added, 1; died or removed, 5; present number, 14. Confirmed, none. Marriages, none. Burials, 1. Contributions to the Massachusetts Board, \$4.15; Diocesan Fund, \$4.

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

THE REV. HENRY S. ATTWATER, Rector.

Baptisms, none. Communicants: withdrawn and removed, 4; present number, 17. Confirmed, none. Marriages, none.

Burials, 5. Contributions to the Massachusetts Board, \$5 ; Diocesan Fund, \$4.

A year's experience enables me to speak more advisedly and discriminately of the field of labor in which the Providence of God has placed me.

To "a full and accurate view of the state of the Church" in this cure, as required by the canons, it is essential, correctly first to understand the moral and physical features which characterize this region and population. This is grazing country, inhabited chiefly by farmers ; its rugged and broken surface more favorable to health than the accumulation of wealth. Hence the enterprising emigrate,—and those who remain, by rigid economy and hard labor, can obtain from their farms scarcely more than sufficient for the support of their families, and if any finally become rich, it is generally by parsimony and self-denial, or by engaging in some speculation foreign to their regular business. We feel less surprise therefore in finding the amount which even those who love the gospel and desire its privileges, think themselves able to contribute for its support, exceedingly small,—far less than the "widow's mite."

Moreover, emigration and death are constantly diminishing the strength of the small band which still rally around the standard of Christianity. During the past year, from these and other causes, nine have been taken from the number of communicants in these two Parishes. Nor do these adverse causes operate less unfavorably upon other Christian bodies, than upon our own. Several sects, once zealous and prosperous, have abandoned the field. Their meeting houses, scattered over the country, stand unoccupied, except by occasional services. And as they had no written Liturgy to fix any certain faith upon the *memory* and the *heart*, so they left their descendants to be blown about by every wind of doctrine and cunning craftiness of the adversary.

But there are other circumstances which operate with still greater and more alarming influence ; circumstances which appeal strongly to Christian sympathy, and emphatically stamp this field as missionary ground.

Great as is the reputation of the Puritan forefathers for piety

and exemplary morals, among this portion of their descendants we behold a woful reaction. Few heads of families are professors of religion of any denomination ;—few families are regular attendants on Public Worship on the Lord's Day, or manifest any strong interest in sustaining the institutions of religion. Hence the Sabbath is openly desecrated,—the youth are not restrained and instructed “in the way they should go,” and sceptical sentiments, if not open infidelity, may often be detected. In such a state of society, it is manifest, that if the gospel be proclaimed and its soul-redeeming truths be applied to the salvation of these travellers to eternity, it *must be sustained* chiefly from abroad. And now comes the *question*, Shall it be so sustained? Will the Church of the Blessed Redeemer, whose commission, is “Preach the gospel to every creature,” plant her standard among these hills, and strive to lead “the blind by the way they know not,” to the feet of their Saviour and the waters of eternal life ;—or will she forget her high commission and leave these sheep to wander in the mountains, destitute of wholesome gospel food and a “form of sound words,” and finally to become a prey to him, “who as a roaring lion walketh there, seeking whom he may devour.”

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

THE REV. THOMAS R. PYNCHON.

Baptisms, 1. Communicants : added, 5 ; present number, 40. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. Contributions, for Diocesan Missions, about \$20.

The state of this Parish is on the whole encouraging. The formation of a Parish at West Stockbridge has diminished the number of communicants. This however makes no difference in the real strength of the Church ; and every year may be expected to add something to its stability and strength.

Trinity Church, Lenox.

THE REV. THOMAS R. PYNCHON.

Baptisms, (infants 1, adults 2,) 3. Communicants, 18. Confirmed, 1.

The services of the Church in this Parish during the past year have been very well attended, and the prospects of the Church are decidedly encouraging.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

The undersigned respectfully reports, in pursuance of Canon VIII., Section 1, 1842, that since his resignation of the Rectorship of St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls, which took effect on and after May 25th, 1851, he has officiated by celebrating divine service, and preaching the word every Sunday (with two exceptions) as also on most of the Holy days intervening. Twenty-two infants have been baptised by him. Three couple he has united in the holy estate of matrimony. He has attended four funerals. Administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper seven times, besides assisting the Bishop and others of the reverend clergy, when requested to do so, on five other occasions. He has also performed a considerable amount of duty on week days, by visiting the sick and the afflicted, the poor and the needy. Those regular Parishes which have been, or still are, without settled pastors, and others to whom he has ministered in the performance of the above services, have not generally been unmindful of that "the Lord has ordained, (1. Cor. ix. 14,) that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." So that in a pecuniary point of view, the undersigned has no cause to regret the resignation of his pastoral charge, during which his salary was nominally \$350, and that for the period of thirty years. He would add to the praise of divine grace, that on no former year of his ministry, have his humble labors been more usefully directed, as he believes, than, during that now closing.

ALFRED L. BAURY.

Boston, May 19th, 1852.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

During the last ecclesiastical year, I have made repeated efforts to discharge the public duties of my profession, by continuous preaching, from Sunday to Sunday, and by the performance of the entire services of the Church ; but, in each instance, after a

trial of a month or two, my health has given way, and I have been compelled to desist from such labors. Indeed, at the present time, I greatly fear I shall be obliged to relinquish such duties altogether, as since the 29th of February I have been disabled by sickness from preaching or taking any part in the public performance of divine service. Still, since the last Convention, I have conducted public worship and preached many times. I have also administered the Holy Communion and assisted in its administration on several occasions.

All which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. SHEPARD.

Richmond, Va., May 4th, 1852.

*To the Right Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of Massachusetts.*

The undersigned respectfully reports, that during the past year he has performed public service at the Naval Chapel, Charlestown, twice every Sunday, and administered the Holy Communion the first Sunday in each month.

After the death of the lamented Rector of the Church of the Advent, he officiated there, by invitation, several months, performing the offices of daily prayer, Baptism and Marriage. His acts of Baptism and Marriage in the Church of the Advent are included in the Report of the present Rector of that Parish.

On the 7th day of September, 1851, in the absence of the Rector of St. John's Church, Portsmouth, N. H., he officiated at the burial of the Hon. Levi Woodbury.

Baptisms, (infants 9, adults 3,) 12. Communicants. 16, Marriages, 3. Burials, 5. Confirmed, 2.

THOMAS R. LAMBERT, Chaplain, U. S. Navy.

Boston, May 18th, 1852.

Navy Yard, New York, May 18th, 1852.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

I respectfully report that, since the last Convention, I have continued to officiate regularly at this station. I perform divine service and preach twice on Sunday — in the morning in the

Chapel of the yard, and in the afternoon at the Naval Hospital. I have also during the year, distributed Bibles, Prayer Books and Tracts as opportunities have offered.

Baptisms, (adult 1, infants 8,) 9. Burials, 13.

In addition to these duties as Chaplain, I have preached several times in different Churches, and have assisted four times in the administration of the Holy Communion.

M. B. CHASE, Chaplain U. S. Navy.

Free Church of St. Mary, for Seamen.

THE REV. JOHN P. ROBINSON, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 9. Communicants, 53. Marriages, 5. Contributions for religious purposes, \$550. Clothing to shipwrecked and destitute Seamen, 178 pieces. Bibles given to Seamen going to sea : English, 228 ; Spanish, 11 ; Portuguese, 12 ; Swedish, 11 ; Danish, 4 ; French, 3 ; Italian, 2 ; total, 271. Testaments : English, 103 ; Spanish, 36 ; Portuguese, 23 ; Swedish, 16 ; Danish, 6 ; German, 9 ; French, 5 ; Italian, 3 ; total, 201. Prayer Books, 52. Volumes, 298.

P. S. The following statistics show the services performed by the undersigned until the period of his leaving the station in Ann street :

Baptisms, infants, 4. Funerals, 6. Bibles given to Seamen : English, 216 ; Portuguese, 18 ; Swedish, 10 ; Danish, 4 ; German, 7 ; Italian, 3 ; French, 5. Testaments : English, 165 ; Swedish, 10 ; Danish, 6 ; Portuguese, 20 ; Spanish, 18 ; German, 8 ; Dutch, 2 ; Welsh, 2 ; Italian, 4 ; French, 5. Prayer Books, 75. Other books, chiefly from the Tract Depository, 250.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

The undersigned, in October last, became actually resident in the Diocese. During that, and a part of the following month, he officiated twelve times in Boston and vicinity, and once in the Congregational meeting house at Strafford, Vt. He then passed

eight Sundays in St. John's, Ashfield, upon the expiration of which he accepted an appointment to the Rectorship of Christ Church, Swansea. Baptisms, infant, 1, in Ashfield.

BENJAMIN AUSTIN.

Swansea, May 6th, 1852.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

The undersigned, late Rector of Grace Church, Medford, respectfully reports, that during the last summer, the Parish with which he was connected, lost more than half of its available resources and strength by the pecuniary losses, removal or death of its supporters. In its weakened state, difficulties occurred which led to the resignation of the Rector. This took place Feb. 18, 1852. The regular annual report of Grace Church will be rendered by the present officiating minister.

Subjoined is a comparative view of the statistics of the Parish during the three years of its existence, which have been reported.

The Journal of 1849 reports 59 parishes in the Diocese ; of which 18 have more baptised, 7 more confirmed, and 32 have larger contributions for religious purposes, than Grace Church.

The Journal of 1850 reports 62 parishes, of which 7 have more baptised ; 16 more confirmed and 33 larger contributions.

The Journal of 1851 reports 62 parishes ; of which 23 have more baptised, 7 more confirmed and 21 larger contributions.

In this account is reckoned the Confirmation of last November, not reported in the Journal, though belonging to that year ; another class for Confirmation being in a state of preparation, at the time of the late Rector's resignation, for the spring visitation of the Bishop. It may be added, that notwithstanding the losses of the Parish, there has been a small but steady accession to the congregation ; amounting during the year 1851 to more than 25 persons ; and that not a single instance of voluntary secession from the Parish is known to have occurred, from its establishment.

Since resigning the rectorship of Grace Church, the undersigned has been almost constantly occupied, in supplying the pulpits of vacant parishes. He has baptised 3 infants, buried 1,

and solemnized one marriage ; all of which are noted in the records of Grace Church.

D. G. HASKINS,

Medford, May 20th, 1852.

East Boston, Mass., May 15th, 1852.

To the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

The undersigned, in making his annual canonical report, would mention that he has had no particular parochial charge during the past year ; that he has assisted those of his brother priests, who have desired his aid ; that he officiated as Chaplain *pro tem*, at the House of Correction in November and December last, and that he has endeavored to exercise the duties of his sacred office as fully as his health and convenience would permit.

WILLIAM ALFRED JENES.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

The undersigned would respectfully report, that since the last Diocesan Convention he has officiated often, in various places, by reading prayers, by preaching, by administering the Holy Communion, including one administration of the Communion to a sick and dying person, and in other offices of the Church. His recent labors have been chiefly in the Diocese of New York.

FREDERICK FREEMAN.

Sandwich, May 19th, 1852.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

The undersigned would respectfully report, that in November last, he resigned the Rectorship of Grace Church, New Bedford, and has since been officiating in St. Paul's Church, Windham, Connecticut.

S. J. HORTON.

To the Right Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts : }

The subscriber, in accordance with the requisitions of the first section of the eighth Canon of the General Convention of 1841,

respectfully reports, that he has officiated, during the past Conventional year, on twenty-four Sundays; has administered, or assisted at the administration of the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, on eight several occasions; has performed divine service in the following named churches: St. John's, Kingston, Ulster County, and Ascension Church, Esopus, in the Diocese of New York; Emmanuel Church, Bellows Falls, in the Diocese of Vermont; St. Michael's Church, Manchester, in the Diocese of New Hampshire; and in the hereinafter mentioned churches, in the Diocese of Massachusetts, to wit: Trinity, Grace, Christ, St. Stephen's, Seamen's Episcopal, and St. John's Churches, in the City of Boston, St. Paul's, Dedham, St. Mary's, Dorchester, St. Stephen's, Lynn, St. Paul's, Newburyport, All Saints', Worcester, Grace Church, Medford, and St. John's Church, Ashfield. In addition to this, has said prayers at sundry times, in sundry other Parishes; has administered the Holy Sacrament of Baptism to three infants; one in the Parish of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, and two in that of St. Stephen's Church, Boston, and they were accordingly reported. Officiated at two funerals in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

F. A. FOXCROFT.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

Since my admission to Deacon's orders, Sept. 30th, 1851, I have officiated regularly at St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, from Sunday, Oct. 12, 1851, to Sunday, March 21st, 1852.

From Sunday, March 21st, 1852, to the present time, I have officiated one Sunday each at Grace Church, New Bedford, Grace Church, Medford, Grace Church, Boston, Trinity Church, Boston, St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, All Saints' Church, Worcester, and two Sundays at St. Thomas's, Taunton.

I have solemnized two marriages, officiated at eight burials, baptized five infants, and assisted at the administration of the Holy Communion four times.

CHARLES W. HOMER.

Boston, May 17th, 1852.

Abstract of Parochial Reports.

MAY, 1852.

No.	Churches.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Scholars.	Contributions for religious purposes.
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.					
1	St. James's	W. William	8	2	10	9	1	55	3	2	9	59	250 98
	Christ	S. Fuller, D. D.	15	1	16	15	15	85	9	5	10	75	321 48
	St. John's	Vacant	1	.....	1	.....	.....	127	.....	.....	.....	125	.....
	Trinity	M. Eastburn, D. D.	26	.....	26	.....	.....	360	9	8	12	110	5031 05
	Christ	J. C. Smith	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	114	9	26	44	135	764 15
	St. Matthew's	W. T. Smithett†	44	.....	44	14	17	68	2	14	39	90	266 35
	St. Paul's	J. H. Clinch	13	4	17	36	17	320	17	12	18	240	7356 39
	Grace	A. H. Vinton, D. D.	27	3	30	28	25	214	8	14	9	135	1130 84
	Messiah	C. Mason	21	10	31	47	37	223	29	16	8	210	754 78
	St. John's	G. M. Randall	6	.....	6	9	8	40	8	7	5	70	50 67
2	Advent	N. G. Allen	46	5	51	54	.....	243	12	20	22	.....	.....
	St. Mark's	H. Southgate, D. D.	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	25	2	6	8	67	.....
	St. Stephen's	P. H. Greenleaf	.....	.....	72	.....	.....	200	27	30	14	72	550 00
	Seamen's Chapel	E. M. P. Wells, D. D.	4	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6	.....
	Trinity	J. Field	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	St. Paul's	C. Wiltberger	5	.....	5	.....	.....	43	.....	.....	3	30	198 59
	Grace	Asa Eaton, D. D.	16	.....	16	.....	.....	128	5	8	21	32	319 75
	Christ	H. N. Hudson	3	.....	3	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	St. Peter's	W. Horton	11	2	13	.....	.....	100	14	1	11	107	37 81
	St. John's	E. Huntington	22	2	24	14	2	51	.....	5	10	52	27 73
3	St. Luke's	N. Hoppin	15	1	16	3	3	39	2	2	6	40	100 00
	Christ	W. P. Page	2	2	4	13	6	94	11	3	6	80	179 23
	St. Paul's	W. Flint	6	1	7	13	4	60	5	1	8	.....	303 42
	St. Mary's	W. S. Bartlet	27	.....	27	9	8	76	2	7	5	120	498 68
	Ascension	J. H. Rouse	4	1	5	4	.....	123	4	3	9	150	.....
	St. James's	S. B. Babcock	4	.....	4	10	12	76	3	11	9	40	73 66
	St. Andrew's	G. W. Porter	.....	2	2	6	6	103	2	1	4	60	347 71
	St. Paul's	E. M. Porter	6	.....	6	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	1	.....	2 94
	St. Luke's	J. Wuart	3	3	6	3	3	67	7	2	5	70	174 10
	Grace	T. Strong, D. D.	18	5	23	14	21	85	7	8	11	73	396 83
4	Trinity	S. B. Shaw	2	1	3	.....	.....	18	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
	St. Anne's	G. Packard	54	6	60	4	27	303	40	13	35	280	241 00
	St. Stephen's	I. E. Pyncheon	4	.....	4	2	7	22	3	4	2	24	302 75
	St. Michael's	T. Edson, D. D.	2	.....	2	.....	.....	175	.....	1	4	48	59 51
	Trinity	I. W. Hallam	8	2	10	.....	.....	7	.....	1	7	.....	6 60
	Grace	J. B. Richmond	2	.....	2	.....	.....	38	3	2	.....	.....	21 15
	St. John's	S. M. Rice	1	1	2	2	4	45	2	1	4	.....	94 37
	St. Paul's	E. Allen	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	104	.....	.....	.....	170	.....
	Grace	N. T. Bent	5	.....	5	.....	.....	114	3	2	8	.....	.....
	St. Paul's	Vacant	1	.....	1	1	5	14	.....	.....	1	118	8 15
5	St. Andrew's	H. S. Attwater	.....	5	5	11	5	112	8	3	9	100	235 00
	St. Mary's	H. W. Woods	10	1	11	4	4	75	.....	4	3	40	29 00
	St. John's	H. Burroughs	4	2	6	2	2	17	.....	5	.....	119	9 00
	St. Paul's	H. S. Attwater	4	4	8	5	8	36	.....	2	.....	.....	23 00
	St. Paul's	H. Edwards	5	4	9	5	5	36	.....	8	80	.....	12 56
	Trinity	G. F. Cushman	3	.....	3	.....	.....	1	.....	3	.....	25	55 96
	Christ	B. B. Babbitt	4	4	8	17	15	100	10	7	8	145	.....
	St. Stephen's	Vacant	8	.....	8	7	6	49	10	4	12	40	153 71
	Christ	J. T. Burrill	16	.....	16	.....	.....	110	.....	2	3	60	.....
	St. James's	J. Wayland, D. D.	6	.....	6	14	7	70	6	.....	1	40	337 64
6	St. John's	E. F. Slafter	31	5	36	21	15	233	8	7	.....	150	1913 83
	St. Peter's	W. R. Babcock	11	5	16	23	1	125	14	10	7	75	258 89
	Christ	W. S. Child	.....	.....	1	25	.....	40	6	2	4	.....	90 00
	St. Paul's	T. E. Pyncheon,	1	2	3	2	9	12	2	1	5	25	11 31
	Christ	B. Austin,	7	.....	7	27	11	145	4	3	10	152	777 90
	St. Thomas's	T. W. Snow	2	.....	2	2	1	49	3	3	3	30	696 31
	Trinity	L. Green	2	1	3	19	6	63	11	5	8	53	476 73
	Christ	T. F. Pales	13	3	16	4	13	65	9	6	16	45	19 00
	St. John's	D. L. B. Goodwin	4	1	5	8	6	64	3	2	4	150	64 60
	All Saints'	Vacant	9	.....	9	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Correc. d.		T. R. Lambert	9	3	12	.....	.....	16	2	3	5	.....	.....
			377	90	667	517	359	5270	348	303	505	3639	24183 81

Report.

† The number last reported.

† Report for the past two years.

DR. CONVENTION of the Protestant Episcopal Church,

	PAID.	
1851.		
June 23.	Rev. J. H. Clinch, in full, to date,.....	\$15 00
July 15.	" " " " copying Journals for 1850	
	and 1851,.....	27 54
"	C. Stimpson, printing bills and circulars,.....	4 25
"	J. B. Dow, on account,.....	103 21
25.	Postage on circulars,.....	1 50
Oct. 13.	J. B. Dow, on account,.....	21 71
1852.		
Feb.	C. Stimpson,.....	1 11
March 15.	Hon. William Appleton, for payment of the assessment of the last General Convention on this Diocese,.....	40 00
"	J. B. Dow, on account,.....	58 68
April 1.	Postage on circulars,.....	84
14.	Richard Dillon's bill against Standing Com- mittee,.....	10 70
28.	Hon. E. A. Newton, in full,.....	28 50
May 19.	J. B. Dow, on account,.....	19 46
"	Rev. J. H. Clinch, salary as Secretary of Con- vention,.....	25 00
"	Printing circulars,.....	2 75
"	New account book, stationery, postage, copy- ing, &c.,.....	15 00
20.	Richard Dillon's attendance on Convention,...	5 00
21.	Travelling expenses of Rev. T. R. Pyncheon,...	10 00
"	" " " " Lewis Green, ..	10 00
"	" " " " H. S. Attwater, ..	10 00
"	" " " " S. B. Shaw,	10 00
"	" " " " Ethan Allen,	10 00
22.	Balance of bill for publishing Journal of 1850, ..	114 22
June 1.	Bill for publishing Journal of 1851,.....	183 75
	Balance to new Account,	\$728 22 21 28 \$749 50

The following parishes have failed to comply with the Canon of 1828, amended 1849:—St. Stephen's, Lynn; St. Michael's, Marblehead; St. James's, Amesbury; St. Mary's, Dorchester; Christ, Quincy; Christ, Plymouth; Trinity, Bridgewater; Grace, New Bedford; Christ, Swansea; Trinity, Pawtucket; St. Paul's, Hopkinton; Grace, Cabotville; St. John's, Northampton.

The Treasurer is happy to report, that the heavy indebtedness of the Convention, which had accrued up to May 19th, is liquidated, and that a small balance of \$21.28 is in hand. It must, however, be borne in mind, that the expenses of the current year, ending May 19th, 1853,—such as printing the Journal, &c., &c.,—are going on, and that it is important that the arrearages due in the above list should be paid as early as possible. If these arrearages are paid, and the yearly assessment of each parish is punctually settled at the time of Convention, our finances can be managed with very little trouble.

THEODORE W. SNOW, Treasurer.

in account with T. W. SNOW, Treasurer.

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1851.		RECEIVED by regular assessments and arrearages.	
June 23.	St. Matthew's, South Boston, regular and extra,....	\$15 00	
July 15.	St. Paul's, Boston, regular for 1847, 1850, 1851, and extra for 1851,	135 00	
"	Christ, Cambridge, regular and extra, ..	14 50	
24.	Grace, Boston, regular and extra,	30 00	
"	St. Peter's, Salem, regular and extra, ..	24 00	
Aug. 5.	St. Andrew's, Hanover, extra,	6 00	
26.	St. Paul's, Otis, extra,	2 00	
"	St. Andrew's, New Boston, extra,	2 00	
29.	Christ, Andover, regular and extra,	14 00	
23.	St. Anne's, Lowell,	14 00	
Sept. 23.	Grace, Medford, extra,	5 00	
29.	Church of the Advent, Boston, extra,	10 00	
Oct. 6.	St. James's, Great Barrington,	6 00	
Nov. 1.	Christ, Waltham, regular and extra,	14 00	
1852.			
Jan. 25.	Christ, Springfield, extra,	10 00	
April 11.	St. Paul's, Newburyport, regular and extra,	16 00	
16.	Christ, Boston, regular and extra,	15 00	
"	St. Mary's, Dorchester,	4 00	
May 18.	St. John's, Millville,	5 00	
19.	Grace, Medford	5 00	
"	All Saints' Worcester regular and extra for 1851, ..	10 00	
"	Church of the Advent, Boston,	20 00	
"	Christ, Andover,	7 00	
"	St. Andrew's, Hanover,	6 00	
"	St. Andrew's, New Boston,	2 00	
"	St. Paul's, Otis,	2 00	
"	St. James's, Roxbury, for 1850, '51, and extra of '51, ..	36 00	
"	Trinity, Boston, for 1852 and extra of 1851,	60 00	
"	Grace, Boston,	15 00	
"	Grace, Lawrence,	6 00	
"	St. Luke's, Lanesborough,	6 00	
"	St. Luke's, Chelsea,	4 50	
"	St. Paul's, Stockbridge, and Trinity, Lenox,	2 50	
"	St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls,	8 00	
"	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield,	8 00	
"	St. Paul's, Dedham,	9 00	
"	St. Paul's, Nantucket,	75	
"	St. James's, Great Barrington,	7 00	
20.	Christ, Waltham,	7 00	
"	Ascension, Fall River,	5 00	
"	Trinity, Vandeusenville,	6 00	
"	St. John's, Charlestown,	10 00	
"	St. James's, Greenfield,	4 00	
"	Christ, Cambridge,	7 25	
"	St. James's, Roxbury,	12 00	
"	St. Thomas's, Taunton,	10 00	
"	Church of the Messiah, Boston, for 1851 & '52,	20 00	
"	St. Paul's, Brookline, for 1851 & '52,	16 00	
"	St. Peter's, Salem,	11 00	
"	Christ, Boston,	10 00	
"	St. Peter's, Cambridgeport,	5 00	
"	St. Matthew's, South Boston,	7 50	
24.	St. Paul's, Boston,	35 00	
25.	St. John's, Jamaica Plains,	8 00	
28.	St. John's, Wilkinsons ville,	3 00	
June 1.	St. Anne's, Lowell,	14 00	
7.	St. John's, East Boston,	2 50	
		<u>\$749 50</u>	

Appendix.

DR. SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

1851.			
April 7.	To paid Bishop of Vermont, expenses to and from Boston,	- -	20 00
"	To paid Rev. Mr. Greenleaf, bill for sundry charges of expense on behalf of the Society,	- -	5 00
90.	To paid Bishop of Rhode Island, expenses to and from Boston on two several occasions,	- -	10 00
June 25.	To amount deposited in Suffolk Savings Bank,	- -	400 00
Aug. 15.	To amount paid James B. Dow, for printing report, &c., of Society with the Journal of Convention, 1850, \$19.92; printing Bishop Hopkins's sermon before the Society, \$23.50; for printing report, &c., of Society with the Journal of Convention, &c., 1851, \$13.50,	- -	61 92
1852.			
April 19.	To amount paid widow of the late Rev. William Croswell, D. D., per order,	- -	25 00
"	To amount deposited in Provident Institution for Savings,	- -	100 00
May 10.	To paid William A. Hall's bill for printing notices,	- -	2 50
11.	To amount deposited in Provident Institution for Savings,	- -	350 00
"	" " " " " "	- -	100 00
19.	To amount of postage paid on circulars,	- -	45
90.	Amount uninvested,	- -	149 29

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Boston, May 20, 1852. (Errors excepted.) ALFRED L. BAURY, Treasurer.

The subscriber, a committee appointed for that purpose, has examined the foregoing account, and finds it correctly cast and properly vouched, and has seen the evidences of the investments to the amount of five thousand five hundred and twenty-four dollars and twenty one-hundredths dollars.

FREDERICK H. STIMPSON, *Committee.*

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Appendix.

in account with ALFRED L. BAURY, Treasurer.

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1851.			
Jan. 23.	From Rev. Dr. Edson, his annual subscription, - - - - -	\$10 00	
March 18.	From Rev. Dr. Edson, amount collected in St. Anne's Church, Lowell, - - - - -	25 00	
"	Collection in Grace Church, Boston, after sermon by the Bishop of Vermont, - - - - -	105 00	
April 7.	From Rev. Dr. Eaton, for membership, \$1; his annual subscription, \$10 - - - - -	11 00	
27.	From Rev. Mr. Barry, amount collected in St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls, - - - - -	16 74	
28.	From Rev. Mr. Fales, amount collected in Christ Church, Waltham, - - - - -	44 16	
29.	From balance on transfer from Treasurer's account, Suffolk Savings Bank, - - - - -	37	
"	From Rev. William S. Bartlet, his annual subscription for 1850 and 1851, - - - - -	20 00	
May 5.	From Dr. Ticknor, U. S. N., donation, - - - - -	10 00	
20.	From Rev. E. M. P. Wells, donation, - - - - -	5 00	
"	From Rev. J. H. Clinch, his annual subscription, - - - - -	10 00	
"	From Rev. William R. Babcock, amount collected in St. Peter's Church, Salem, - - - - -	25 00	
"	From Rev. A. N. Littlejohn, amount collected in Christ Church, Springfield, - - - - -	10 00	
"	Collection at the annual Convention, in Trinity Church, Boston, - - - - -	63 67	
22.	From Rev. George Packard, amount collected in Christ Church, Lawrence, \$9.98; added to complete his annual subscription, \$15.72, - - - - -	25 00	
"	From Rev. E. Allen, amount collected in St. Paul's Church, Nantucket, - - - - -	2 50	
"	From Rev. E. Ballard, his annual subscription, - - - - -	1 00	
26.	One year's interest on Grace Church mortgage, - - - - -	60 00	
June 26.	From Rev. Dr. Vinton, donation of two ladies belonging to St. Paul's Church, Boston, - - - - -	30 00	
1852			
Jan. 17.	From "anonymous friend," - - - - -	100 00	
18.	Collection in Grace Church, Boston, after sermon by the Bishop of Massachusetts, - - - - -	39 03	
Feb. 20.	From Rev. N. Hopkin, his annual subscription, - - - - -	5 00	
March 24.	From Rev. Dr. Edson, amount collected in St. Anne's Church, Lowell, - - - - -	28 00	
April 2.	From Rev. Samuel Cutler, his annual subscription for 1847 to 1852, inclusive, with interest, - - - - -	139 50	
6.	From Rev. George M. Randall, amount collected in Church of the Messiah, Boston, - - - - -	25 00	
"	From one who signs himself "an unworthy member of the Church," - - - - -	1 00	
13.	From Rev. T. R. Lambert, U. S. N., his annual subscription, - - - - -	5 00	
"	From Henry M. Parker, Esq., his annual subscription, - - - - -	1 00	
"	From Joseph Burnett, Esq., his annual subscription, - - - - -	1 00	
19.	From Rev. T. F. Fales, amount collected in Christ Church, Waltham, - - - - -	46 57	
"	From Frederick H. Stimpson, Esq., amount collected in the Church of the Advent, Boston, - - - - -	54 00	
"	From Frederick H. Stimpson, Esq., his annual subscription for 1851 and 1852, - - - - -	2 00	
"	From Provident Institution for Savings, being on account of interest, &c., - - - - -	31 00	
"	From Suffolk Savings Bank, being on account of interest, &c., - - - - -	40 00	
May 5.	From Rev. Dr. Eaton, for membership, \$1; his annual subscription, \$10, - - - - -	11 00	
11.	One year's interest on Grace Church mortgage, - - - - -	60 00	
18.	From Rev. George Packard, amount collected in Christ Church, Lawrence, \$7.09, which added by him to complete his annual subscription, \$17.91, - - - - -	25 00	
19.	From Rev. J. H. Clinch, his annual subscription, - - - - -	10 00	
"	From Rev. Dr. Fuller, amount collected in Christ Church, Andover, - - - - -	10 00	
"	From Rev. Mr. Child, amount collected in Christ Church, Springfield, - - - - -	23 60	
"	Amount collected at the Offertory, Convention day, in Trinity Church, Boston, - - - - -	52 68	
20.	From Rev. William R. Babcock, amount collected in St. Peter's Church, Salem, - - - - -	28 00	
"	From Rev. William S. Bartlet, amount collected in St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, - - - - -	4 35	
"	From Rev. John Wourt, amount collected in St. James's Church, Great Barrington, - - - - -	10 00	
		\$1224 17	

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Errors Excepted.

in account with JAMES B. DOW, Treasurer.

CR.

	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	Various.	Total.
Andover — Christ Church, -	42 62	..	..	..	42 62
Amesbury — St. James's, -	5 00	..	..	..	5 00
Ashfield — St. John's, -	3 00	..	..	..	3 00
Blandford — St. Mark's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Boston — Advent, -	..	..	..	..	..
— Christ, -	15 65	..	..	..	15 65
— Grace, -	177 43	101 70	156 23	25 00	460 36
— Messiah, -	97 50	..	40 00	..	137 50
— St. Paul's, -	412 08	117 04	343 62	606 62	1479 36
— St. John's, -	10 83	4 25	..	..	15 08
— St. Matthew's, -	10 00	..	..	..	10 00
— St. Stephen's, -	..	..	..	..	..
— St. Mark's, -	..	..	..	..	..
— Trinity, -	485 39	20 00	167 9.	25 00	698 29
Bridgewater — Trinity, -	..	..	..	..	..
Brookline — St. Paul's, -	51 00	..	51 57	43 44	146 01
Chickopee — Grace, -	..	..	..	..	..
Cambridge — Christ, -	27 00	70 00	..	25 00	122 00
Cambridgeport — St. Peter's, -	15 00	28 00	..	..	43 00
Charlestown — St. John's, -	20 83	..	..	..	20 83
Chelsea — St. Luke's, -	13 99	..	..	..	13 99
Clappville — Christ, -	..	..	..	..	..
Dedham — St. Paul's, -	45 81	..	10 00	..	55 81
Dorchester — St. Mary's, -	13 50	..	..	..	13 50
Fall River — Ascension, -	14 60	..	..	..	14 60
Great Barrington — St. James's	15 00	..	..	..	15 00
Greenfield — St. James's, -	15 00	..	..	..	15 00
Hanover — St. Andrew's, -	26 95	..	67 00	40 00	133 95
Hopkinton — St. Paul's, -	2 94	..	..	..	2 94
Lanesboro' — St. Luke's, -	7 00	..	..	..	7 00
Lawrence — Grace, -	20 25	..	8 12	..	28 37
Lenox — Trinity, -	9 00	..	..	..	9 00
Lowell — St. Anne's, -	38 00	35 00	25 00	..	98 00
Lynn — St. Stephen's, -	17 63	..	..	..	17 63
Marblehead — St. Michael's, -	19 05	7 40	9 35	..	35 80
Marshfield — Trinity, -	..	..	..	..	..
Medford — Grace, -	14 50	..	5 00	..	19 50
Milville — St. John's, -	21 15	..	..	..	21 15
Nantucket — St. Paul's, -	5 00	..	..	..	5 00
New Bedford — Grace, -	14 50	..	..	..	14 50
Newburyport — St. Paul's, -	..	..	12 01	..	12 04
New Boston — St. Andrew's, -	4 15	..	..	..	4 15
Newton L. Falls — St. Mary's,	14 25	10 00	30 00	..	54 25
Northampton — St. John's, -	13 00	..	..	..	13 00
Otis — St. Paul's, -	5 00	..	..	..	5 00
Pawtucket — Trinity, -	3 08	..	..	..	3 08
Plymouth — Christ, -	7 75	..	..	..	7 75
Pittsfield — St. Stephen's, -	16 28	..	..	..	16 28
Quincy — Christ, -	16 00	2 00	..	..	18 00
Roxbury — St. James's, -	60 00	..	..	..	60 00
— St. John's, -	..	..	20 00	..	20 00
Salem — St. Peter's, -	119 02	73 14	167 65	90 00	449 81
Springfield — Christ, -	15 00	49 15	59 10	..	123 25
Stockbridge — St. Paul's, -	18 00	..	..	..	18 00
Swansea — Christ, -	6 00	..	..	..	6 00
Taunton — St. Thomas's, -	..	..	45 00	..	45 00
Vandeuenville — Trinity, -	2 47	..	..	..	2 47
Waltham — Christ, -	119 89	..	..	..	119 89
Worcester — All Saints, -	..	14 60	..	..	14 60
Wilkinsonville — St. John's, -	7 31	6 66	6 34	..	20 31
West Stockbridge —	3 57	..	..	..	3 57
From other sources, -	2 81	3 00	47 50	120 00	173 31
	\$ 2123 13	541 94	1280 42	975 06	4911 55

JAMES B. DOW, Treasurer.

Dr. MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MISSIONS in account with JAMES B. DOW, Treasurer. Cr.

1852. For cash paid to		1852. By cash received from the several Churches in the Diocese, subject to the appropriation of the Board,	
April 1		June 1	
Christ Church, Swansea,	\$150 00		\$2062 13
Christ Church, Plymouth,	150 00		
Grace, Lawrence,	200 00		
Ascension, Fall River,	200 00		
St. John's, East Boston,	250 00		38 00
St. Paul's, Otis, St. Andrew's, New Boston,	150 00		23 00
Trinity, Lenox, St. Paul's, Stockbridge,	150 00		
St. Luke's, Chelsea,	112 50		
Trinity, Vandeuenville,	100 00		
St. Paul's, Nantucket,	150 00		
St. Paul's, Palmer,	133 34		
Trinity, Pawtucket,	50 00		
Special to Rev. J. H. Rouse,	25 00		
" " " W. Withington,	25 00		
" " " B. Austin,	14 00		
" " " John West,	62 50		
" " " J. W. Birchmore,	25 00		
	\$1947 34		
Fall River, sp. from Messiah, Boston, ..	23 00		
Bridge water, sp. from St. Anne's, Lowell, ..	38 00		
	61 00		
Rev. T. W. Snow, Secretary, bill for postage, &c., three years,	10 00		
Incidental expenses,	13 42		
	23 42		
Cash balance to new account,	91 37		
	\$2123 13		\$2123 34
June 1.			
			Balance to new Account,
			JAMES B. DOW, Treasurer.
			\$91 37

(Errors excepted.)

Boston, June 1, 1852.

Dr. BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR SEAMEN in account with B. C. CLARK, Treasurer. Cr.

1851.		1851.	
Dec. 31.	To cash paid as per particular schedule presented to the Board,.....	Dec. 31.	By cash received as per particular schedule presented to the Board,
	\$1264 01		\$740 86
		"	By balance,.....
			\$23 15
1851.			
Dec. 31.	To balance,.....		
	\$23 15		
Boston, Dec. 31, 1851.			

(Errors excepted.)

B. C. CLARK, Treasurer of Board of Missions for Seamen.

Appendix.

\$1264 01

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Church

Rector.

N. B. It is expected that the clergyman will make such observations as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish and of his ministerial services during the past year.

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Constitution
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
AS AMENDED
IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1841, 1846, AND MAY, 1852.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Commonwealth, at Boston, on the second Wednesday in June, in every year, unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided, always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop and the assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every other clergy-

man of the Church of whatever order, being a settled minister, or regularly officiating in some parish within this Commonwealth; or being a President, Professor, Tutor or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Commonwealth, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this State, for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this Commonwealth, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay delegate, or delegates, not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment; signed by the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay delegate unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

ARTICLE IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they have been duly organized for the space of one year, and during that time have held regular public services, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention.

But in case of vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for by three clerical members, or by the lay delegations from three parishes represented in the Convention; in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article, except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

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Canon of 1828,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1849.

Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this State, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual report what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, or of such committee as shall be appointed by the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, namely: to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop of this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several Churches in this State by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies, at least, of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

But no clergyman shall be entitled to any appropriation from the Contingent Fund, unless the parish of which he is the minister shall have paid its annual quota of *one per centum*, or send a certified copy of a vote that it is unable to pay the same. Neither shall any parish, thus neglecting to comply with the requisitions of the Canon, receive more than five copies of the Journal.

Canon of 1844.*Respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund.*

In every parish in this Diocese, a collection shall be annually made on Trinity Sunday, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Commonwealth, to be added to the permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese; and the said Treasurer shall report annually to this Convention, the amount by him received from each parish.

Canons of 1846,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1852.

I.

Of proceedings in the case of a Minister, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise of offences for which he may be tried.

SECT. 1. The mode of presentment and trial of a Minister, for any offence for which, by the laws of the General Convention or of this Diocese, he is or may be liable to be tried, shall be as follows :

Information of his offence shall first be given in writing to the Standing Committee, which information, any member of this Church is hereby declared competent to give. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed to a preliminary consideration of the case; and in their discretion, if they see fit, may make a formal presentment of the offence to the Bishop.

Such presentment shall be made in writing, addressed to the Bishop, stating the charges made against the accused, with specifications as to time, place, and circumstances; and any of the specifications in said presentment may be amended from time to time by the Judge Advocate, as the Court may order; and in case there shall be no Bishop, or in case the Bishop shall be implicated in the offence, or shall be related to the accused by consanguinity or affinity, the Standing Committee shall then

request the Bishop of some other Diocese to receive the presentment, who, upon the application of the Standing Committee, may proceed in the case, and exercise the same powers as belong, or are granted, to the Bishop of the Diocese.

SECT. 2. Any Minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise, of any offence or offences for which he may be tried as aforesaid, may, for himself, request the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry respecting the truth of the charges against him; and, in such case, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry, and to proceed in like manner, as is provided in section first of the Canon.

II.

Of the trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.

SECT. 1. Upon such presentment being made by the Standing Committee, as is provided in the foregoing Canon, the Bishop shall, as soon as may be, cause a copy of such presentment to be served on the accused, and shall also nominate nine Presbyters of the Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, nor witnesses in the case, and shall cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall, within thirty days after such service, select five of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within said thirty days, the Bishop shall then select five, and the Presbyters so selected shall form an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of the accused.

SECT. 2. The Court, thus constituted, shall meet at such time and place within the Diocese, as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese, as they shall deem necessary; and the Bishop shall cause a written notice of the time and place of the first meeting of the said Court to be served at least thirty days before the time of meeting, on the accused, and also on the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

SECT. 3. If, at the time appointed for the first meeting of the said Court, the whole number of five shall not attend, those who

do attend, may adjourn from time to time ; or being not less than three in number, they shall have the right to proceed, in case they shall see fit, to a hearing and trial of the case ; and their decision, if unanimous, shall be as binding as if the whole Court had been present ; but in case their decision shall not be unanimous, the Bishop shall, at the request of the accused, or of the Standing Committee, order a new trial.

SECT. 4. If a clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, the Court shall, in writing, certify the same to the Bishop, and state their opinion as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced ; and it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence, in the manner hereinafter provided. And if a clergyman presented as aforesaid, after having had due notice, shall fail or neglect to appear before the Court of Presbyters appointed for his trial, unless prevented by sickness or other sufficient cause, he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the term of six months ; and if during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.

SECT. 5. When the Court proceed to the trial, they shall hear such competent evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively ; and some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may, at the desire of either party, be requested to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses. If, on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Court may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

SECT. 6. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any material witnesses cannot be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of such witnesses. Such Commissary may be either a clergyman or a layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least *six days'* notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more

than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness, and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissary, and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Court, and shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such Commissary may be sworn or affirmed in manner aforesaid.

SECT. 7. The Court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be, without delay, communicated to the accused; and the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Court; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused, and any three or more Presbyters of the Diocese, to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend; and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Court of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

SECT. 8. All citations and notices contemplated in this Canon shall be signed by the Bishop, and may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written citation or notice de-

livered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such citation or notice.

SECT. 9. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, or laymen who have been communicants of some parish of the same, at least two years before the time of trial.

Canon of 1846.

Of Communicants.

Whenever the Bishop shall institute an inquiry on the subject of repelling a person from the Holy Communion, according to the rubrics and the canons of the General Convention, he shall summon a council of two presbyters and two laymen, of which he shall be president, to decide upon the case.

Canon of 1847,

AS AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1848.

Of Elections.

The deputies to the General Convention from this Diocese shall be chosen at the meeting of this Convention holden in each year of the stated meeting of the General Convention; who shall continue in office until the meeting of this Convention, next preceding the stated meeting of the General Convention, on the third year next after their election, and until others shall be chosen in their place.

Any vacancy occurring in the delegation shall be filled at the next ensuing meeting of this Convention; and appointments for the interval may be made by the Standing Committee, at a meeting specially convened for that purpose.

Canon of 1852.*Of the Admission of New Parishes into union with the Convention.*

All applications for the admission of new parishes into union with this Convention shall be received and referred to the Standing Committee. And the said Committee shall examine into the circumstances of the party making the application, to ascertain the number of Episcopalians resident in the place where it is proposed to establish a new parish; what resources they have from the establishment of a neighboring parish already in existence; what the population of the town in which it is proposed to establish such parish may amount to; what may be expected to be its probable increase; what is the number, character, and influence of other Christian denominations in the same place; and what are the resources in possession of the applicants, whereon may be founded a reasonable expectation that they now are, or are likely to become, within a reasonable time, a self-supporting parish; and they shall make report of the same to the next Convention, with their opinion thereon.

Canon of the General Convention of 1835.*On the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time.*

SECTION I. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his parish or Church, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same; and these parochial reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, shall be read and entered on the journals of the

Convention. And every other clergyman not regularly settled in any parish or Church, shall also report to the ecclesiastical authority of his Diocese, the occasional services he may have performed ; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same.

Rules of Order.

RULE I. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house ; nor more than once, until others desiring to speak shall have spoken.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

Every member who shall be in the house, when any question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested in the question, or shall be excused by the Convention for reasons assigned.

RULE II. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same parish with the mover ; and every motion, when required by any member, shall be reduced to writing.

RULE III. When the report of a committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house ; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

RULE IV. When a question is before the Convention, it shall be in order—

1. To lay on the table ;
2. To postpone to a day certain ;
3. To commit ;
4. To amend ;
5. To postpone indefinitely ;

and a motion for any one of these proceedings may be considered as having precedence in the order in which they are here named ; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE V. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

RULE VI. Any member may call for the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

RULE VII. The question of adjournment shall always be in order ; and that, together with a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

RULE VIII. When votes by orders are taken, they shall be entered on the minutes.

RULE IX. On all questions of order, the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

RULE X. A question, being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present, nor unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority on the original decision.

LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
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MAY, A. D. 1852.

- The Right Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D.D., Bishop
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- The Rev. NATHANIEL G. ALLEN, Rector of St. John's
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- The Rev. HENRY S. ATTWATER, Rector of St. Paul's
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- The Rev. BENJAMIN B. BABBITT, Deacon, Rector of
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Church, Dedham.
- The Rev. WILLIAM R. BABCOCK, Rector of St. Peter's
Church, Salem.
- The Rev. WILLIAM S. BARTLET, Rector of St. Luke's
Church, Chelsea.
- The Rev. ALFRED L. BAURY, residing at Newton Lower
Falls.
- The Rev. NATHANIEL T. BENT, Rector of Grace Church,
New Bedford.

- The Rev. JOHN W. BIRCHMORE, officiating at Grace Church, Medford.
- The Rev. JOHN L. BLAKE, D. D., residing at Orange, New Jersey.
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- The Rev. HENRY BURROUGHS, Jr., Rector of St. John's Church, Northampton.
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- The Rev. WILLIAM S. CHILD, Rector of Christ Church, Springfield.
- The Rev. ORANGE CLARK, D.D., residing at San Francisco, California.
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[Total, 76.]

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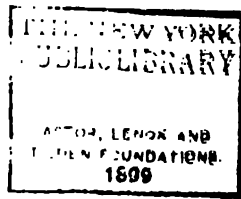
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Trinity Church. }

THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, with several of the Clergy, and Lay Delegates, assembled in Trinity Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Titus Strong, D. D., Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, assisted in the Epistle by the Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D. D., Minister of St. Stephen's chapel, Boston.

The annual Convention Sermon was delivered by the Rev. George Packard, Rector of Grace Church, Lawrence, from the text, 1 Cor. ii. 2. "*For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ and Him Crucified.*" After which, a collection was made at the Offertory, in aid of the funds of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased clergymen of the Diocese. The Holy Communion was then administered to the Clergy, and to a large number of the Laity, by the Bishop, assisted in the distribution of the elements by the Rev. E. M. Porter, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

The congregation having retired, the Bishop took the Chair, and a list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention was then called by the Secretary, who appeared and took their seats, with the exception of those marked in *italics*, as follows:—

The Rt. Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D.,			
The Rev. Ethan Allen,		The Rev. <i>William A. Jenks,</i>	
"	Henry S. Attwater,	"	Thos. R. Lambert,
"	<i>Benjamin Austin,</i>	"	Charles Mason,
"	Benjamin B. Babbitt,	"	George Packard,
"	Samuel B. Babcock,	"	William P. Page,
"	William S. Bartlet,	"	Robert J. Parvin,
"	Alfred L. Baury,	"	Emery M. Porter,
"	<i>Nathaniel T. Bent,</i>	"	Thos. R. Pynchon,
"	John T. Burrill,	"	George M. Randall,
"	William S. Child,	"	Spencer M. Rice,
"	<i>Wentworth L. Childs,</i>	"	John B. Richmond,
"	Joseph H. Clinch,	"	John P. Robinson,
"	Samuel Cutler,	"	John H. Rouse,
"	Asa Eaton, D. D.,	"	Samuel B. Shaw,
"	Theo. Edson, D. D.,	"	Edmund F. Slafter,
"	Thomas F. Fales,	"	<i>John Cotton Smith,</i>
"	Justin Field,	"	Wm. T. Smithett,
"	William Flint,	"	Theodore W. Snow,
"	Samuel Fuller, D. D.,	"	Titus Strong, D. D.,
"	Dan'l L. B. Goodwin,	"	<i>A. H. Vinton, D. D.,</i>
"	Lewis Green,	"	J. Wayland, D. D.,
"	P. H. Greenleaf,	"	E. M. P. Wells, D. D.,
"	Isaac W. Hallam,	"	<i>George D. Wildes,</i>
"	David G. Haskins,	"	Shipley W. Willson,
"	Charles W. Homer,	"	C. Wiltberger,
"	Nicholas Hoppin,	"	<i>W. Withington,</i>
"	William Horton,	"	<i>John Woart.</i>
"	<i>John P. Hubbard,</i>	"	

The Certificates of Lay Delegates were then presented, and read by the Secretary, and the following names were called. Those whose names are marked *in italics*, were not present during the Session.

Trinity Church, Boston. George M. Dexter, Benj. P. Richardson, Edward Blake.

Christ Church, Boston. Elias W. Goddard, Wm. P. Parrott, John Bacon.

St. Paul's Church, Boston. J. C. Warren, M. D., James B. Dow, George M. Browne.

Grace Church, Boston. Richard Girdler, Robert M. Mason, James Perkins.

Church of the Advent, Boston. Charles P. Gordon, Richard H. Dana, Jr., Theodore Metcalf.

Church of the Messiah, Boston. William B. Bradford, S. H. Gregory, B. S. Codman.

St. Mark's Church, Boston. Henry Burroughs, Francis J. Parker, James Folsom.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston. David Clapp, J. T. Blackmore, James Wood.

St. John's Church, East Boston. William H. Calrow, Wm. Schouler, Myron Turner.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea. Sebeus C. Maine, Samuel Cleland, John E. Wilder.

Christ Church, Cambridge. James C. Merrill, Jr., Henry M. Parker, Josiah Collins, Jr.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport. Isaac Lum, Benjamin Woodman.

St. John's Church, Charlestown. Charles W. Moore, George N. Fisher, Andrew J. Locke.

Grace Church, Medford. Nathaniel Tracy, John Clark.

St. Paul's Church, Brookline. Augustus Aspinwall, Eliakim Littell, Thomas Parsons.

Christ Church, Waltham. J. S. Copley Greene, Israel Lombard, G. N. Cheney.

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls. Ezra Warren, Alpheus Morse, Walter Hagar.

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn. J. F. Kimball, E. S. Davis, John Renton.

St. Peter's Church, Salem. Benjamin P. Chamberlain,
Joshua Phippen, Luther Upton.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead. Thomas Evans,
Thomas H. Merritt, John Conway, Jr.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport. Edward S. Rand,
Nathaniel Foster, E. S. Mosely.

St. James's Church, Amesbury. Stephen Webster, *F. D.*
S. Jones, John P. Derby.

Christ Church, Andover. William Rice, Eastman
Sanborn, Francis Coggsell.

Grace Church, Lawrence. George W. Smith, John A.
Goodwin, Franklin Grant.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell. James Cook.

St. Mary's Church, Dorchester. James Jenkins, Charles
Stimpson, Charles Sumner.

St. James's Church, Roxbury. Sanford M. Hunt,
Francis Hilliard, Charles McBurney.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain. Joseph Byron,
William Blake, Samuel Eliot.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham. Ira Cleveland, William
Ames, Rufus C. Dixon.

Christ Church, Quincy. George Veazie, Levi White,
Michael Long.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover. George Curtis, Seth
Rose, Josiah M. Smith.

Christ Church, Plymouth. Oliver T. Wood, Nathan H.
Holmes, Charles Raymond.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater. John Edson, George
Hooker, George L. Edson.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton. William A. Crocker,
Lovett Morse, Marcus Morton.

Grace Church, New Bedford. L. P. Ashmead, Stephen
G. Driscoll, Henry Cannon.

Christ Church, Swansea. William Pearse, George
Austin, Preserved S. Gardner.

All Saints' Church, Worcester. Thomas Bottomly,
Charles L. Putnam, Henry K. Newcomb.

St. John's Church, Millville. Lyman C. Curtis, Gideon
B. Mowry, William B. Rice.

Christ Church, Springfield. E. D. Beach, George W.
Winchester, John W. Barrett.

St. James's Church, Greenfield. R. E. Field, Henry
W. Clapp, J. H. Hollister.

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough. Jason Newton,
Andrew J. Lewis, W. D. B. Linn.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield. Edward A. Newton,
S. H. P. Lee, Jr., Joel Stevens.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington. Eber Stone,
James C. Hyde.

St. John's Church, Ashfield. Jonathan Sears.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville. Joshua Armsby,
Eli Dyson, Seth Hartwell.

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.

St. John's Church, Northampton.

St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.

St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.

Church of Ascension, Fall River. George S. Orr,
Walter C. Durfee, John Bowers.

Christ Church, Clappville.

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge. Alexander Watts,
Henry W. Dwight, Daniel B. Fenn.

Trinity Church, Vandeusenville.

St. Paul's Church, Otis. Lester Filley, Jonathan C.
Jackson.

Trinity Church, Pawtucket. Joseph Smith, Russel L.
Tapper, Joseph T. Green.

Trinity Church, Lenox. Jared Bradley, Allen N. Smith,
Edwin Curtiss.

On motion,

Resolved, That the usual Committees be appointed by Chair.

The Chair accordingly made the following appointments :—

Committee on Qualifications. Rev. Theodore W. Snow, Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D., Edward Blake.

Committee on New Parishes. Rev. George Packard, Rev. William Flint, Hon. Marcus Morton.

Committee on Finance. Rev. Samul B. Shaw, Hon. Edward A. Newton, John Edson.

Executive Committee. Rev. Charles Mason, Rev. Emery M. Porter, Rev. Robert J. Parvin.

Committee on Unfinished Business. The Rev. Samuel Fuller, D. D., Francis Hilliard, Esq.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Secretary, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch be re-elected Secretary of this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Treasurer, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Theodore W. Snow be re-elected Treasurer.

On motion,

Resolved, That Clergymen of this Church, not entitled to seats in the Convention, and candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to be present at the sittings of this body.

Whereupon, the following gentlemen appeared, and took seats in the Convention :—

The Rev. John S. Stone, D. D., Diocese of Mass.

The Rev. Daniel Leach,	Diocese of Mass.
" Archibald M. Morrison,	" "
" John A. Jerome,	" "
" Nathaniel G. Allen,	" "
" William B. Colbourn,	" "
" Andrew Croswell,	" "
" Henry Burroughs, Jr.,	" "
" Charles Cleveland,	" Miss.
" Nathan Watson Monroe,	" N. Y.
" Jacob Rambo,	African Mission.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rules of Order adopted by the last Convention be adopted for the government of this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to 4 o'clock, this P. M.

The Secretary asked permission of the House to appoint an assistant, which

On motion, was granted.

The Secretary accordingly appointed the Rev. Wm. T. Smithett Assistant Secretary.

A resolution in reference to the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen was introduced by Henry M. Parker, Esq., during the discussion of which, the Convention adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the Morning Session were read, amended, and approved.

Some additional certificates of Lay Delegates were handed in and read.

The discussion on Mr. Parker's resolution of this morning was resumed, and eventually,

On motion, it was laid on the table.

The Bishop then delivered his

Annual Address.

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:—

Let us thank our Heavenly Father that, amidst the changes and chances of this mortal life, we have been permitted once more to meet together, and to consult upon the interests of that portion of the Church of Christ with which it is our privilege to be connected.

On Thursday, the 3d day of the June succeeding our last Annual Convention, in pursuance of the sentence of an Ecclesiastical Court which had met just before that time, I administered, in Christ Church in this city, an admonition to the Rev. Oliver S. Prescott, convicted of violating a sentence of suspension for the period of six months, which had been pronounced by me in conformity with the sentence of a previous Court. The reverend judges, in coming to their decision to recommend thus mild a penalty, took into consideration certain extenuating circumstances, which seemed to justify a less severe punishment than that which the grave character of the offence would otherwise have required.

On the evening of Trinity Sunday, June 6, I confirmed 2 in the Sunday School Room of St. John's, East Boston. This spacious and convenient room has been used, during the past year, as the place of worship of the congregation; and has been found a very grateful exchange for the disadvantages, under which they had previously assembled on the Lord's Day. In the meantime, the Rector has continued his laborious efforts in the raising of funds, wherewith to complete the church for consecration; and, from what I have learned, there is a prospect that this desirable event is not far distant. Mr. Allen has recently resigned the charge of the parish and is now officiating temporarily in the Diocese of Maine.

On the First Sunday after Trinity, June 13, I confirmed 11 in the evening in St. Paul's, Dedham.

On Wednesday, June 16, at an Ordination held in St. Matthew's, South Boston, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. John T. Barrill, Deacon, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Flint, Rector of St. John's, Charlestown; who also, with the Rev. Messrs. Willson, S. B. Babcock, Randall, and Clinch, and the Rev. W. H. C. Robertson, of the Diocese of Maine, united with me in the imposition of hands.

I was present, in the following week, at the annual meeting in New York of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

On the Fourth Sunday after Trinity, July 4, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in St. Luke's, Chelsea. To these is to be added one hereafter to be mentioned, making 6 as the whole number confirmed during the year.

On the morning of Thursday, July 15, I had the great pleasure of laying the corner stone of Trinity Church, Pawtucket. This interesting service was performed in the presence of a numerous assemblage of people, and also of several clergymen belonging, with one exception, to the Diocese of Rhode Island. The Rev. George F. Cushman, of the Diocese of Alabama, has been officiating in this field of labor for some time past; and his zealous exertions have contributed in no small degree, by God's blessing, to that event of commencing the building of a parish church, which gladdened so many hearts on this day. The Rev. Mr. Taft, Rector of the neighboring parish of St. Paul's, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, kindly assisted me in the services of the occasion. The church, which is of stone, will probably be soon ready for consecration.

In the evening of the same day, in the Town Hall, I administered to 7 persons of the congregation the rite of Confirmation.

On Wednesday, July 28, I visited St. Paul's, in the Island of Nantucket. In the morning of that day, a sermon was delivered by

the Rev. Mr. Clinch, Rector of St. Matthew's, South Boston; and I preached in the afternoon. I am glad to say, that, at the cost of \$1000, of which \$176 were received from the Ladies' Missionary Association of Trinity Church, Boston, and the remainder from another source, a very commodious house, immediately adjoining the church, has been purchased as a parsonage for this parish. This gift, besides promoting greatly the comfort of the clergyman, will be a material addition to the resources of the congregation for his maintenance.

On the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 5, I preached in the morning, and, in conjunction with the Rector, administered the Holy Communion, in St. John's, Millville; and in the afternoon confirmed 11, and catechized the children of the congregation. Since the last Convention, the vacancy in the Rectorship of this parish has been filled by the choice of the Rev. Spencer M. Rice, from the Diocese of Western New York. St. John's is now attended by a large congregation. A considerable reduction has been made, during the past year, of the debt contracted in the erection of the church, and I trust that the desirable event of its consecration will soon take place. A prominent member of the parish has engaged, upon condition of the discharge of the indebtedness now existing, to expend a large sum in finishing the bell turret, and enclosing the church grounds with a stone wall.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, September 8, I preached in St. Michael's, Marblehead. I was much gratified to perceive, that, since my last visit to this parish, their ancient and interesting church, besides having undergone some needed repairs, had been newly painted in the interior, and furnished with carpets for the aisles. The expense of these improvements amounts to upwards of \$1000, provided by the exertions of the parishioners themselves. How edifying to those who witness it is such an example of care for the Lord's house; and how striking the contrast it affords with the apathy of

se, who, while dwelling in luxurious habitations of their own, are intent to see the courts of the King of kings covered with defilement, and sinking into decay! I would also mention, that the tomb of the Rev. Mr. Bours, who, 90 years ago, was committed to his grave in the church-yard surrounding the sanctuary which had so long resounded with his voice, has been decently repaired.

On Thursday, September 9, I confirmed 2 in the evening in All Saints', Worcester.

On Friday, September 10, I preached in the afternoon in Christ Church, Clappville.

On the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 12, I preached in the morning in St. John's, Wilkinsonville; and confirmed 3 in the afternoon.

On Wednesday, September 15, I confirmed 4 in the evening in First Church, Plymouth.

During this same week, I attended, in Christ Church, Boston, social services held in connexion with the periodical meeting of the Western District Church Missionary Association; and on the evening of Friday, September 17, after addresses by the Rev. Messrs. Smithett and Wiltberger on the subject of Missions, spoke to the congregation upon the same topic.

On the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 19, I preached in the morning in St. John's, Ashfield, and, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Smithett, administered the Holy Communion; and in the afternoon, after a sermon by Mr. Smithett, delivered a short address to the people upon the responsibilities of professed Christians, and on the duty of family prayer. Since the time of my visit, this parish has secured the services of the Rev. Charles Cleveland, who has been received by letters dimissory from the Diocese of Mississippi. It is with sincere pleasure that I state also, that, partly by the contributions of parishioners, and partly by aid received from

friends in other places, a suitable house near the church has been purchased as a Rectory.

St. Matthew the Apostle, Tuesday, September 21, I preached in the morning, and in the afternoon confirmed 2, in St. Luke's, Lanesborough.

On Wednesday, September 22, I preached in the afternoon, and confirmed 4 in the evening, in St. Stephen's, Pittsfield. Since the last Convention, the Rev. Robert J. Parvin, from the Diocese of Western New York, has become the Rector of this parish.

On Thursday, September 23, I preached in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Lenox.

On Friday, September 24, I confirmed 4 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Stockbridge.

On the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 26, I preached in the morning, and catechized the children, in Trinity Church, Vandusenville; and

In the afternoon of the same day, confirmed 5, and catechized the children, in St. James's, Great Barrington. In the evening I preached again in the same church, and confirmed a sick parishioner of St. James's at his own residence. Since this visit, the parishioners have secured a site for their new church, and are taking steps towards the immediate commencement of the work of building.

On Tuesday, September 28, I preached in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Otis.

St. Michael and All Angels, Wednesday, September 29, I preached in the morning in St. Andrew's, New Boston, and, in conjunction with the Rector, administered the Holy Communion; and in the afternoon again preached, and catechized the children. Mr. Attwater, formerly Rector of the united parishes of St. Paul's, Otis, and St. Andrew's, New Boston, has, since the last Convention, relinquished the charge of the former, and has confined himself to New Boston. The parishioners of St. Paul's, Otis, as will hereafter

be seen, have engaged the services of a clergyman who devotes his whole attention to that parish.

On the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, October 8, I confirmed 14 in the afternoon in St. Matthew's, South Boston.

On Thursday, October 7, I attended, in compliance with canonical notice, the opening of the Court of Bishops convened for the trial of the Right Reverend George W. Doane, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of New Jersey, on a Presentment made by the Bishops of Virginia, Ohio, and Maine. The Court assembled at Camden, and after the first day removed its sittings, at the request of the accused, to Burlington. The decision of the Court, by a vote of 8 to 6, to dismiss the Presentment, and its consequent adjournment without trial of the case, on Friday, October 15, are facts known to you all; and, as my own reasons for voting with the minority against the said dismissal are spread upon the published record of the proceedings, I need not, on the present occasion, occupy you any longer with the subject.

All Saints' Day, Monday, November 1, at an Ordination held in Trinity Church, Boston, I admitted the Rev. Charles W. Homer, Deacon, to Priest's Orders. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Charles Mason; who also, with the Rev. Messrs. Smithett and Greenleaf, united with me in the laying on of hands. Mr. Homer is the successor of the Rev. Mr. Bent as Rector of Grace Church, New Bedford; Mr. Bent having been compelled by ill health to relinquish the charge of the parish. He is now the Principal of a School for young ladies in Worcester.

On the Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity, November 14, I confirmed 7 in the afternoon in St. James's, Roxbury.

On Wednesday Evening, December 8, in St. John's, Charlestown, I preached a sermon on the subject of Missions at the concluding meeting of the Eastern District Church Missionary Association.

On Monday, December 13, I confirmed 1 in the evening in the Episcopal Chapel for Seamen in Ann street, in this city.

On the Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 19, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon in Grace Church, Medford; and preached a second time in the same church in the evening. The Rev. D. G. Haskins has resigned the Rectorship of this parish, and is now the Principal of a School for young ladies in this city. He has been succeeded at Medford by the Rev. Justin Field.

On Thursday, December 23, I had the satisfaction of consecrating St. Paul's Church, Brookline, to the service and worship of Almighty God. A full congregation, and a large number of the Clergy, were present on this joyful occasion. A more complete and impressive church than this is not to be found in our country; and, while it does honor to the distinguished architect who furnished the design, it is an ornament to the picturesque locality in which it is situated, and speaks to the hearts of all beholders by its quiet solemnity. This pious work is a pleasing example of what may be accomplished, where the recipients of the gifts of Providence are prompted, by the Holy Spirit, to sanctify them to the glory of the Giver, and to the eternal interests of their fellow-men. Of the sum of about \$27,000, which was the cost of the church, with the organ and furniture, nearly all was contributed by two individuals of the parish; one of whom also made a free gift of the land. The beautiful windows were the gift of various members of the parish; and for the bell, the cost of which was more than \$600, we are indebted to the munificence of Timothy Corey Leeds, Esq., of Boston. May those who have added this beautiful sanctuary to the number of our churches in this Diocese find their reward, while they live, in seeing the precious gospel, as preached within its walls, made "the power of God unto salvation" to many hearts; and in anticipating the benefits which, through this church, shall be dispensed to future generations, when they themselves shall have past from the scene! How enduring is the satisfaction, which proceeds from the consecration of what we possess to the Master's honor! Blessed are they, who, during this

fleeting day of life, are living in the sense of their responsibility. Of the uncertainty of the hour when we may be summoned to render up our account, we are impressively reminded by the occasion I am recording. Among those present on the morning of the consecration, and taking a lively and joyous interest in all the services, was Mr. Chandler Howard, one of the Vestry of the parish. You are all aware that, shortly afterwards, by a deplorable casualty, this interesting person, in the morning of life, and in the fulness of hope and promise, was suddenly removed from his family, his friends, and the services of the Church below, to the eternal world. While, concerning his departure, we are called to sorrow not as those "which have no hope," we are at the same time furnished, in the event, with a striking memento of the vanity of life, and of the infinite importance of "using, as not abusing," a world, the "fashion" of which "passeth away."

I take this opportunity of saying, that the Rev. William Horton has resigned the charge of this parish, and that the Rev. John S. Stone, D. D., has been chosen Rector in his place. Mr. Horton, during the past winter, has been officiating in St. Peter's, Salem; the Rector of which, the Rev. William R. Babcock, has, I regret deeply to say, been constrained by the state of his health to tender his resignation, and is now travelling in Europe. Mr. Horton is at present officiating in Trinity Church, Boston, in place of the Rev. John Cotton Smith, who, since the last Convention, has entered upon the office of Assistant Minister on the Greene Foundation; but who is temporarily disabled by ill health.

On the evening of the Sunday after Christmas Day, December 26, I had the pleasure of being present at the Annual Examination, in the Church of the Messiah, Boston, of the Sunday School connected with that parish; and, after an address by the Rev. Dr. Wells, made a short appeal to the large congregation assembled, on the importance of the training of the young in scriptural knowledge.]

On the evening of the First Sunday after the Epiphany, January 9, 1853, I confirmed 17 in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston. Of these, 4 were attendants at St. Stephen's, and 13 at St. Mary's Free Church for Sailors in Richmond street. As this latter parish, which was organized before the meeting of the last Convention, was in possession, at the time of this Confirmation, of a place of worship of its own, it becomes necessary for me to state the reason for which I declined performing, within the walls of that church, the service just mentioned. Under ordinary circumstances, and where no special reasons prevent, I feel it to be my duty, on all occasions of Confirmation for a parish which has been admitted into union with the Convention of this Diocese, to administer the rite in the place occupied by them for public worship. In regard to parishes which have not been so admitted, I consider myself at full liberty to act according to the circumstances of the case. St. Mary's Church for Sailors was not in union with the Convention; and, entertaining a strong conviction of its incompatibility with the welfare of the Chapel for Seamen in Ann street,—and of its disorganizing character, as an establishment conflicting with the operations of the Board of Missions to Seamen, created by this Convention,—I thought it right to confirm the candidates presented by the Rev. Mr. Robinson, the Rector, in some other church. And my view of the whole subject remains unchanged.

On the Second Sunday after the Epiphany, January 16, in the Church of the Messiah, Boston, I confirmed in the evening 12 persons; one of whom was from Christ Church, Cambridge.

On Monday, January 17, I confirmed, at her residence, a sick parishioner of Trinity Church, Boston.

On the Second Sunday in Lent, February 20, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in St. John's, Jamaica Plain.

On Friday, February 25, at an Ordination held in Trinity Church, Boston, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Messrs. John P.

Hubbard, and Archibald M. Morrison, Deacons; the former being Rector of St. John's, Northampton, in place of the Rev. Henry Burroughs, who has resigned the charge of the parish,—and the latter being Rector of All Saints', Worcester, in place of the Rev. Mr. Bent. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Stone, Rector of St. Paul's, Brookline; who, together with the Rev. Messrs. Baury, N. G. Allen, Jerome, and Smithett, united with me in the laying on of hands.

On the Third Sunday in Lent, February 27, I confirmed 5 in the morning in Trinity Church, Boston; making, with 1 previously, and 2 hereafter to be mentioned, 8 as the whole number for the year.

On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 13, in Christ Church, Waltham, I preached, and catechised the children, in the afternoon; and confirmed 7 in the evening.

On Thursday, March 17, at an Ordination held in Christ Church, Boston, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. William B. Colburn, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese. The Sermon on this occasion was preached by the Rev. Mr. Wiltberger, Missionary of the Board of Missions to Seamen. Mr. Colburn, immediately after his ordination, took charge of St. Paul's, Otis; and I understand that, by the blessing of God upon the ministrations there, the parish, now that it is no longer connected with St. Andrew's, New Boston, and consequently enjoys the whole of its clergyman's services, is in a highly promising condition.

On the Sunday next before Easter, March 20, I confirmed 15 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Boston; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 16 in St. John's, Charlestown.

On the Tuesday before Easter, March 22, I confirmed 8 in the afternoon at St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston; making, with the 4 already mentioned, 12 as the whole number for the year.

On Easter-Day, March 27, I confirmed 16 in the afternoon in

Grace Church, Boston, including 2 from Trinity Church ; and catechized the children.

In the evening of the same day, I confirmed 7 in Christ Church, Boston, including 1 from St. Luke's, Chelsea, and 1 from the Church of the Advent, Boston.

On Thursday, March 31, I confirmed 9 in the evening in St. John's, Millville ; making, with the 11 previously mentioned, 20 as the whole number confirmed here during the year.

On the First Sunday after Easter, April 3, I preached in the morning in St. Anne's, Lowell ; and in the afternoon confirmed 38, and catechized the children, in the same church.

On Tuesday, April 5, I confirmed 3 in the evening in Christ Church, Quincy. Since the last Convention, the Rev. John T. Burrill has resigned the Rectorship of this parish, having accepted the appointment of Chaplain to the House of Correction, South Boston, in the room of the Rev. S. W. Willson, who had resigned owing to ill health. He has been succeeded at Quincy by the Rev. John A. Jerome, from the Diocese of Western New York.

On Wednesday, April 6, I preached in the afternoon in St. Andrew's, Hanover ; and delivered a short address in the lecture room in the evening.

On Thursday, April 7, I confirmed 1 in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

On Friday, April 8, in Grace Church, New Bedford, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 10 in the evening.

On the Second Sunday after Easter, April 10, in St. Thomas's, Taunton, I preached, and catechized the children, in the morning ; and confirmed 7 in the afternoon.

On Tuesday, April 12, in the Church of the Ascension, Fall River, I catechized the children in the afternoon ; and confirmed 6 in the evening.

On Wednesday, April 13, I preached in the afternoon in Christ

Church, Swansea. The Rev. Benjamin Austin, who, at the time of the last Convention, was the Rector of this parish, has resigned the charge of it, and become the Rector of St. James's, Amesbury, in place of the Rev. Mr. Willian, who has removed to the Diocese of Maine. Mr. Austin has been succeeded at Swansea by the Rev. William Withington.

On the third Sunday after Easter, April 17, I preached in the morning in Christ Church, Andover ; and confirmed 3 in the afternoon : and

On the same day, in Grace Church, Lawrence, examined the children of the parish in the Catechism in the afternoon, and confirmed 6 in the evening.

On Tuesday, April 19, I confirmed 2 in the evening in St. James's, Amesbury.

On Wednesday, April 20, I preached in the evening in St. Paul's, Newburyport.

On the Fourth Sunday after Easter, April 24, I confirmed 5 in the morning, and catechised the children, in St. Michael's, Marblehead ; in the afternoon of the same day confirmed 10 in St. Peter's, Salem ; and in the evening confirmed 6 in St. Stephen's, Lynn.

On Wednesday, April 27, at an Ordination held in the Church of the Messiah, Boston, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. John E. Johnson, a Candidate for Orders who had recently been received by letters dimissory from the Diocese of Vermont. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Henry W. Woods. Mr. Johnson, immediately after his ordination, took temporary charge of a parish at Wood's Hole, which has been organized since the last Convention under the name of the Church of the Messiah. There being no place of worship within four miles of this settlement, and Wood's Hole being the resort of a considerable number of visitors during the summer months, several of the inhabitants have united in the above undertaking, and are now engaged in the building of a church.

On the Fifth Sunday after Easter, May 1, I preached in the evening in St. Mary's, Dorchester. This parish is at present without a clergyman; the Rev. G. W. Porter having resigned the Rectorship, owing, as he informed me, to the need which he felt of a temporary cessation of ministerial labors.

On the Sunday after Ascension Day, May 8, in St. James's, Greenfield, I confirmed 2 in the morning, and also catechized the children; and preached a second time in the afternoon.

On Tuesday, May 10, in St. John's, Northampton, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 1 in the evening.

On Wednesday, May 11, in Christ Church, Springfield, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 26 in the evening.

On Whitsunday, May 15, I confirmed 6 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Cambridge; making, with the addition of 1 already mentioned, 7 as the number confirmed during the year.

In the evening of the same day, I confirmed 12 in the Church of the Messiah, Boston. To these are to be added 11 confirmed, as already noticed, in January last; making 23 as the whole number for the year.

Of the facts thus laid before the Convention the following is the result:—I have confirmed, since we last assembled, 347 persons; consecrated 1 church; laid the corner stone of 1 church; ordained 4 Priests, and 2 Deacons; and 1 parish has been organized.

In addition to the changes already mentioned as having taken place in the Diocese, have occurred the following:—The Rev. Frederick Freeman, and the Rev. Henry Edwards, have been transferred to the Diocese of New York; and the Rev. Horatio Gray, Deacon, has removed to the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The Rev. Henry W. Woods has resigned the Rectorship of St. Mary's, Newton, Lower Falls, where he has been succeeded by the Rev. Andrew Crosswell, from the Diocese of Maine; and, after having officiated for three months in Trinity Church, Boston, in place of the Assistant Minister

who is absent owing to ill health, has gone to Washington, D. C., to officiate in the place of the Rev. Dr. Butler, who is travelling in Europe. The Rev. William P. Page has been received from the Diocese of New York, and is the Rector of St. Peter's, Cambridgeport; the Rev. W. L. Childs has been received from New Hampshire, and is Assistant Minister of the Church of the Advent, Boston; the Rev. Cameron F. McRae has been received from the Diocese of North Carolina; the Rev. Moses P. Stickney from New Jersey; and the Rev. William H. O. Robertson from Maine.

The Rev. Frederic W. Pollard, having declared to me his renunciation of the ministry of our Church, has been displaced according to Canon V of 1850; and is now a member of the Church of Rome.

The following are the Candidates for Orders of this Diocese:—Alfred A. Gilbert, W. Stevens Parker, B. H. Chase, Daniel Taylor, Frederic O. Barstow, and J. S. Copley Greene—Total, 6. Mr. David C. Maybin, formerly on the list of Candidates, and a Student of the Theological Seminary of Ohio, was, at my request, admitted to Deacon's Orders in August last by the Bishop of that Diocese.

Although, since we last assembled together, the hand of death has not fallen upon any of the Clergy of this Diocese, we have, nevertheless, received a solemn admonition in the remarkable fact, that, during the past Conventional year, three of the Bishops of our Church have been transferred from their labors on earth to the eternal world. Dr. Henshaw, the Bishop of Rhode Island, was, as you all know, removed with great suddenness, while in the midst of the performance of Episcopal duty for the Bishop of Maryland. Dr. Gadsden, the Bishop of South Carolina, was taken away after a protracted illness. The distinguished Presiding Bishop of our Church, Philander Chase, had attained, at the period when his summons came, a venerable old age; and, as his labors during a long life had been manifold, and his constitution, though a most vigorous one, had been impaired by repeated accidents in the course of his travels, the event of his depar-

ture could not have been to any a surprise. This remarkable man had so much individuality of character, and has advanced, to so large a degree, the interests of our Church in the western regions of this country, that I may properly devote a few lines of this Address to the commemoration of his virtues and services. In the two seats of learning which he founded, Kenyon and Jubilee Colleges, his name will live while our Church has an existence. And by what means were these Institutions, through the divine blessing, brought into being? It was by qualities in this strong-minded and earnest man, which may well be held up as an example to his brethren in the ministry. Bishop Chase illustrated in his life one feature of character especially, without which no minister of Christ will ever accomplish much for the cause of the Master whom he serves; and that was, a spirit of unwearied energy and perseverance in the face of opposition and difficulties. In this respect, he is especially to be commended to the attention of the younger clergy. The ambassador of Christ, wherever he may be placed, will have trials with which to contend, and which will put patience and self-denial severely to the test; and these, instead of leading him to seek for an escape from the conflict with them by flying to some other field, should steadily, and with the manly spirit of a soldier who is willing to "endure hardness," be encountered until they are overcome. Let the venerated man whom we have lost be studied in this aspect. What he achieved in England for the establishment of the collegiate and theological Institution in Ohio, against discouragements the most appalling, does lasting honor to his memory, and speaks an instructive lesson to all. Like him, let us, the heralds of the gospel, go forth to our work under the prompting of strong principle. This will be armor against every temptation to fickleness and pusillanimity. It will be the forerunner of great and certain results. It will be blest of God; and the absence of it will bring His curse and His frown.

While these prelates have departed from the vineyards respectively allotted to them to the unseen world, another of our Bishops has left his post for the darkness and idolatry of the Church of Rome. That, so far as he himself is concerned, the course of Dr. Ives, the Bishop of North Carolina, is a just subject for our sorrow, cannot be questioned. For who can but lament for a man, who, from a Church blest with the possession of the pure gospel, and pointing lost men to the precious word of God as the only lamp to their feet, and light to their path,—and from a station, also, in that Church, where his opportunities of diffusing these blessings were so various and many,—turns to corruptions and fables? But, so far as our beloved Communion is considered, this event can only be matter of congratulation. When men are shepherds of a scriptural and Protestant Church, and are meanwhile imbued with tendencies which that Church renounces and disallows, the sooner they depart, the better for those whom they leave.

My brethren of the Clergy,—Let us, in our several spheres of action, be constantly praying not only for steadfast adherence to sound doctrine, but for a more entire consecration of our hearts and lives to the work of extending the Lord's spiritual kingdom. We are solemnly called, in these days, to stem resolutely the tide of worldliness, which is carrying away so many of our professedly christian people from simplicity and sobriety of life. How many of those who confess Christ in the rite of Confirmation, and make a solemn covenant with Him in that ordinance, are in all respects undistinguishable from the world, none among you require to be informed. Let me exhort you to be faithful, as those who must one day give an account of their stewardship. Hold up to view that lofty standard of Christian living which the Bible has set forth, and which our Prayer Book inculcates through all its pages. And, as the efficient means of leading the people to follow this standard, let Christ be made the prominent theme of all your ministrations. A religion of forms is

entirely powerless to overcome the love of the world; and, accordingly, the two are constantly found to exist together. But if, by the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon the faithful preaching of a crucified Saviour, we can implant in the hearts of our hearers the exalted motive of love to the Redeemer, that motive will be effectual to "crucify the world unto them, and them unto the world."

Mr. J. S. Copley Greene, Secretary of the Tract Committee, read the Annual Report of that body, as follows:

Report of the Tract Committee.

The Tract Committee beg leave to Report:—That, during the past year they have received no donations, and have put forth no tracts, and that the circulation of tracts has been very limited.

Towards the end of the last month, it was intimated to the Secretary that the Society entitled "The Protestant Episcopal Society for the Promotion of Evangelical Knowledge" might be willing to take the plates, either by purchase or on loan, subject to recall by the Convention of this Diocese, and to purchase the stock of Tracts now on hand.

A negotiation has been entered into with that Society by your Committee, and they respectfully suggest, that the Committee which shall be appointed for the ensuing year be authorized to conclude such arrangement, for the following considerations:

1stly. There does not appear to be sufficient interest in this work in the Diocese to encourage its continuance on its present footing.

2ndly. The Society, before mentioned, has great facilities for promoting the circulation of the Tracts already put forth, generally throughout the country, and also in our own Diocese. If, then, they will use our plates, for the circulation of the Tracts heretofore published, one of the objects contemplated in the appointment of your Committee can be better effected by them than by us. And the plates can be recalled if, at any time, more encouraging prospects should open.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. COPLEY GREENE, Sec'y of the Tract Com.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Tract Committee be authorized by the Convention to carry out the suggestions contained in that report.

Mr. George M. Browne, presented the following Annual Report of the Board of Missions to Seamen :

Board of Missions to Seamen.

This Mission is the creature of the Convention. The Board is appointed by the Convention, as its representative, to superintend and look after the interests of the Mission, having only a delegated authority, and required to report to the Convention its general course and proceedings.

The Board understand it to be their duty in their Annual Reports to make known to the Convention the progress of the Mission, its present state and condition as a means of usefulness, and its prospects for the future. If dangers threaten it, which the Convention, being apprized of, may have power to avert ; if the noble ends of its existence are liable to be thwarted by hurtful influences from without, or from within, it is fit the Convention should be made aware of the impending evils.

Acting on this view of duty, the Board, referring to their last Annual Report for more full details of their proceedings, and of the dangers which surround the Mission—proceed to present this their Eighth Annual Report.

The Mission during the past year has pursued its accustomed quiet way, through much of discouragement indeed, but still constantly cheered by friendly voices from the Church and the world. It has sought faithfully to apply to the spiritual and temporal welfare of seamen all the means which have been entrusted to it by a benevolent Christian community.

Though thus quietly proceeding, the Mission, it is true, has been assailed—virulently assailed, and in a wanton manner. But this has been the common fortune of Christian institutions for now eighteen centuries and upwards.

The Board have not thought it necessary to turn aside at all

from their ordinary line of duty by reason of such opposition, or any opposition.

Divine service has been held at the Mission Chapel every Sunday morning and evening throughout the year, and it appears from the report of the Missionary that the attendance has on the whole increased, and on some occasions, in the evening, the chapel has been well filled. It is not to be disguised however that the attendance has been materially affected by the setting up, in the immediate neighborhood of the chapel, of another place of worship for seamen, the direct tendency and effect of which is, and must be, to impair, and, if sanctioned by the Convention, ultimately to destroy the Mission established under its auspices.

During the year there have been distributed among seamen from the chapel, 87 Bibles in the English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese languages; 130 Testaments in the same languages and also in the German, Danish, Swedish, and Italian, besides many religious pamphlets, tracts, and newspapers; also, 112 pieces of clothing to destitute seamen.

The Missionary, the Rev. Christian Wiltberger, has labored faithfully. He has devoted himself, as the Board have every reason to believe, with sincerity and singleness of purpose, to the interests of the Mission and to the great work of redemption among sailors. It is hoped he may be sustained in his position, and furnished with increased means of usefulness. The Board have entire confidence that all sums of money or other things entrusted to the Missionary for the objects of the Mission, will be fully accounted for and faithfully applied.

The financial affairs of the Mission stand as follows: the Treasurer's Report being herewith submitted.

The amount to the credit of the Mission in the Treasurer's account for the year is,	. . . . .	\$1931 41
The amount of disbursements during the same period,	. . . . .	1823 17
Leaving a balance now in the Treasury unappropriated of	. . . . .	<hr/>\$108 24

And it is believed that there is no recognized liability now outstanding against the Mission.

The Board are satisfied that at no period since the establishment of the Mission has it given fairer promise of extensive usefulness than now; nor has it at any moment exercised a more salutary influence than it is now exerting. With these convictions the Board would fail in an important duty, if they did not earnestly commend both the Mission and the Missionary to the continued regard, the fullest confidence, and the most affectionate care and protection of the Convention.

Mr. Browne, also presented the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions to Seamen. (*See Appendix.*)

The Rev. Theodore W. Snow, Chairman of Committee on Qualifications, reported,

That all the clergymen whose names were read by the Secretary, are entitled to seats; also, that all the lay delegates whose certificates have been presented, are entitled to seats in this Convention. A few of the certificates do not mention that the delegates chosen are stated worshippers in the parishes which they represent, as provided in the form of certificates authorized by vote of Convention of 1849.

THEODORE W. SNOW, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the Election of the Officers of the Diocese be made the order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on the Canons be made the first business after divine service to-morrow morning.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Strong be excused from attendance upon this Convention, after the session of to-day, in consequence of the weak state of his health.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Executive Committee, in determining the time and place of holding the next annual Con-

vention, particularly consider the expediency of holding the same during the last week in May, and in a place less spacious than that heretofore used, and report upon the subject as early as practicable.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention adjourn, to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Adjourned.

*Trinity Church, May 19, }
9 o'clock, A. M. }*

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Daniel Leach.

The roll was called by the Secretary, and some members, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read, amended, and approved.

The Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D. D., from the Committee on Canons, reported a "proposed Canon for the Discipline and Trial of Presbyters and Deacons."

After some debate upon the subject,

On motion,

Resolved, That the consideration of the proposed Canon be postponed until the next annual Convention of this Diocese.

The Rev. Charles Mason, from the Standing Committee, presented the annual report of that body.

Report of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee, in accordance with the requirement of the Constitution, submit to the Convention the following report.

The Committee was organized, May 31st, 1852, by the choice of the Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D. D., as President, and the Rev. Charles Mason, as Secretary.

The Committee have held fourteen meetings during the year,

and have signed the Canonical certificates in favor of the following persons, viz. :

The Rev. Jonathan M. Wainwright, D. D., D. C. L., as Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of New York, the Rev. Francis L. Hawkes, D. D., LL. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese of Rhode Island ; of the Rev. John P. Hubbard, the Rev. Charles Homer, the Rev. Archibald M. Morrison, for admission to the order of Priest ; and of Mr. William B. Colburn, and Mr. John E. Johnson, for Deacon's Orders.

They have granted the Canonical testimonial in favor of the following persons applying to become Candidates for Orders, viz. : Mr. Daniel Taylor, Mr. Frederic Olney Barstow, and Mr. J. S. Copley Greene.

Information having been received from the Bishop of this Diocese, that the trial of the Rev. Henry W. Adams was appointed to take place September 7th, 1852, at 11 o'clock, A. M., at the Vestry Room of Christ Church, Boston, George M. Browne, Esq., was engaged by the Committee to conduct the trial on their behalf.

The Convention having referred to the Standing Committee the application of "The Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors," to be admitted into union with this Convention, with directions to report upon the case in accordance with the Canon of 1852,—the Committee have attended to the duty, and are prepared to submit the required report.

Bills have been approved by the Committee, in favor of the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, for expenses incurred as Secretary of the Diocesan Convention. They have also approved of several bills for expenses incurred in conducting the trial of the Rev. Oliver S. Prescott, and that of Mr. James B. Dow, for printing the Journals of the last Convention.

For the Committee,

CHARLES MASON, *Secretary.*

The time having arrived for the order of the day, the House proceeded to ballot for a Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

The Chair appointed Messrs. B. P. Richardson and Charles P. Gordon, tellers to collect and count the votes.

While this ballot was proceeding, the Chair appointed Messrs. Francis Hilliard and John Edson, tellers to collect and count the votes for Deputies to the General Convention.

The Rev. S. B. Shaw, from the Finance Committee, made the following report.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that the Treasurer's accounts have been examined, and are believed to be correct. That the balance in the Treasury is \$21.28, and that the travelling expenses of those clergymen whose names are appended to this report be paid.

S. BRENTON SHAW, *Chairman*.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Board of Missions, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the following gentlemen constitute the Board of Missions for the following year.

Board of Missions.

CLERGY.

The Rev. Charles Mason,
 " John Wayland, D. D.,
 " Thomas F. Fales,
 " Joseph H. Clinch,
 " William Horton,
 " George M. Randall,
 " Theodore W. Snow.

LAITY.

Otis Daniell,
 James B. Dow,
 George M. Dexter,
 Charles H. Parker.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of Commissioners for Church Extension, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the following named gentlemen form the Board of Commissioners for Church Extension for the following year.

Commissioners for Church Extension.

CLERGY.

LAITY.

The Rev. Alex. H. Vinton, D.D., William Appleton,
" Theodore Edson, D.D., George M. Dexter,
" Patrick H. Greenleaf, Ebenezer Rhodes.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Tract Committee,
balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Tract Committee for the ensuing
year consist of the following gentlemen :

Tract Committee.

CLERGY.

LAITY.

The Rev. Theo. Edson, D. D., J. S. Copley Greene,
" Joseph H. Clinch, Geo. M. Browne.
" William Flint.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of three persons be ap-
pointed by the Chair, to nominate Trustees of the General
Theological Seminary.

The Chair nominated the Rev. Charles Mason, and
Messrs. Edward A. Newton, and George M. Dexter to
form that Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Board of Missions
to Seamen, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the following gentlemen form the Board
of Missions to Seamen for the following year.

Board of Missions to Seamen.

The Rev. P. H. Greenleaf, Richard Girdler,
" W. T. Smithett, George M. Browne,
Messrs. Benjamin C. Clark, Benjamin P. Richardson,
" Joseph B. Ellicott, Wm. R. Lawrence, M. D.,
" Foster Waterman, George A. Brown.

The Rev. P. H. Greenleaf gave notice of amendment of Article III. of the Constitution, so as to read, in the second clause of the last section, after "provided," *that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay delegate who is a candidate for Holy Orders*, nor unless," &c.

Edward A. Newton, Esq., from the Committee on Nomination, reported a list of persons to be nominated as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Report of the Nominating Committee be re-committed.

Mr. B. P. Richardson, from the Committee appointed to collect and count the votes for Standing Committee, reported that the Convention had made choice of the following persons to form the Standing Committee of this Diocese for the following year :—

Standing Committee.

CLERGY.

LAITY.

The Rev. A. H. Vinton, D. D.,	George M. Dexter,
" George M. Randall,	Otis Daniell,
" Charles Mason.	

and that there is one vacancy in the lay members.

The Convention proceeded to fill the vacancy, and the same tellers were appointed to collect the votes.

E. A. Newton, Esq., from the Nominating Committee reported the following persons to be nominated as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary :—

Rev. A. H. Vinton, D. D.,	The Rev. John Wayland, D.D.
" T. Edson, D. D.,	" Charles Mason,
" William S. Child,	Messrs. Edward A. Newton,
" George M. Randall,	" Robert C. Winthrop,
" John Woart,	" William A. Crocker,
" Theodore W. Snow,	

who, on motion, were declared to be elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That the resolution of M. H. Parker, Esq., which was yesterday laid on the Table, be now taken up.

On motion,

Resolved, That the delegation from each Parish in this Convention, both lay and clerical, take care that one or more copies of the circular and subscription papers, now placed upon the table, be committed to the hands of the Church Wardens in their respective Parishes, with the request of this Convention that they cause the contemplated attempt to obtain lay members of the Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of the deceased Clergy of our Church, to be carried out in their respective Parishes, and subsequently to return the documents to the Secretary of that Society.

Mr. B. P. Richardson, from the Committee to collect the votes for a Standing Committee, reported that no choice had been made by the Convention to fill the vacancy in that body; thereupon,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Francis Hilliard, having had the highest number of votes, be declared elected as a lay member of the Standing Committee.

Mr. Hilliard from the Committee to collect and count the votes for deputies to the General Convention, reported that the Convention had made choice of the following gentlemen:—

Deputies to the General Convention.

CLERGY.

LAITY.

Rev. A. H. Vinton, D. D., William Appleton,

“ Samuel Fuller, D. D. Edward A. Newton,
and that there are two clerical and two lay vacancies.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. John Wayland, D. D., and

the Rev. Theodore W. Snow, having had the largest number of votes, be declared elected to fill the Clerical vacancies in the deputation to the General Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That Messrs. Robert C. Winthrop and Marcus Morton, having had the largest number of votes, be declared elected to fill the vacancies in the Lay deputation.

On motion,

Resolved, That the several Parishes of this Diocese be requested to make a collection in behalf of the Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, at some period during the next Lenten season; and that the amount so collected shall be applied, so far as may be, to constitute the Pastor of the Church, for the time being, a member and contributor of the Society.

The Rev. Charles Mason, from the Standing Committee, made the following communication from that body, in reference to the admission of the Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors, into union with this Convention.

The Standing Committee, to whom was referred the application of the "Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors," to be admitted into union with this Convention, beg leave to present the following report :

This application came before the Committee under peculiar circumstances. It had already been made to the Convention, and referred to the Committee on new parishes, before the Canon of 1852, under which it was afterwards referred to the Standing Committee, had been enacted.

The Committee on new parishes reported, that the "Free Church of St. Mary" had complied with the requisitions of the Constitution, in regard to new parishes, but that a protest had been received against their admission into union with the Convention, on grounds, which, in their opinion, did not affect the canonical

organization of the parish. And then they added, "The title of the parish, however, indicates that it is intended for a class of persons, for whom the Convention has made special provision in the appointment of a Board of Missions, and the establishment of a Chapel for Seamen, and that Board, in their report to the present Convention, has represented this organization as conflicting with their operations. Whether the two organizations do thus conflict, whether both are needed, and both can be sustained, are grave questions, affecting the expediency of the admission of the 'Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors,' which the Committee submit for the decision of the Convention."

Before this report was made, the Canon on new parishes was passed, and the whole subject was ultimately referred to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, to be examined and reported upon, in accordance with the requisitions of the new Canon.

The Standing Committee, in their inquiries upon the subject, have been guided by the provisions of that Canon, in all respects in which they are applicable to the particular case before them. They have sought to divest their minds of all influences and considerations of a personal nature, connected with the past history of this case, and to consider it as if it were a new application. They have not regarded themselves, in any sense or degree, a Committee of inquiry, in regard to the course taken by the Board of Missions for Seamen, or by its former Missionary. And for such an inquiry they had no powers, which would have enabled them to ascertain the whole facts and merits of the case.

Their object has been, simply to consider the application of the Free Church of St. Mary for admission into the Convention as a parish of the Diocese, in accordance with the terms and spirit of the Canon of 1852, and to report the result, with their opinion thereon.

It is obvious that some parts of the Canon are inapplicable to the case before the Committee. The Church of St. Mary is designed for "Seamen, and such mechanics and laborers as are employed in building and working about ships, and their families and children." Those parts of the Canon which relate to the population of the town where a parish is to be established; the

number of Episcopalians in it ; the number and influence of other Christian denominations, have no bearing, or at least only a very remote bearing, upon this case.

The points of inquiry which apply to it, are embraced in the following clauses of the Canon. "What resources they (the proposed parish), have from the establishment of a neighboring parish already in existence ;—what are the resources in possession of the applicants, whereon may be founded a reasonable expectation that they now are, or are likely to become, within a reasonable time, a self-supporting parish."

In considering the first of these questions, the Committee find that Christ Church on one side, and the Chapel of the Board of Missions for Seamen, on another side, are within a fifth of a mile of the place of worship of the Church of St. Mary, and that all are in close proximity to the streets most frequented by Seamen. The inquiry most pertinent to the case, relates to the resources which exist in the same district for the particular class of persons, for whom the Church of St. Mary is proposed to be established.

And in regard to this inquiry the Committee have to say, that this Convention have made express and full arrangements for precisely the same class of persons, by the appointment of a Board of Missions for Seamen, which has been elected annually, since the Convention of 1845, and intrusted with this duty. In the Convention of that year, the subject of Missions to Seamen was introduced by a resolution in these words. "Resolved, that the subject of Missions to Seamen in this diocese be committed to a Board, to be elected annually by this Convention, the Bishop to be *ex officio* President of the Board." This resolution was referred to a special committee of five, appointed by the chair, viz., the Rev. Dr. Vinton, the Rev. Messrs. Randall and Croswell, and Messrs. S. Greenleaf and R. H. Dana, Jr. Mr. Greenleaf having declined serving, Mr. William F. Otis was appointed in his place. For that Committee, Mr. R. H. Dana, Jr. presented the following report. "The Committee believe it to be generally felt, that the Church ought to see that something is done for the benefit of seamen. They are of opinion that whatever is done, should be done, in some measure, by the sanction and under the direction

of the Church itself. The only question is, in what manner this shall be effected. After considering several propositions which were before them, they respectfully recommend to the Convention to appoint a Board to which shall be committed the entire subject of extending the Church among seamen, and ask leave to submit the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Convention appoint a Board, to which shall be committed the subject of Missions to Seamen in this diocese, to consist of twenty persons, to be elected annually, the Bishop to be *ex officio* its President, and that the Board have authority to fill vacancies."

The resolution was adopted, and the Board was constituted in accordance with it, and it has since been annually elected for the same purpose. It now exists by the appointment and under the authority of the Diocesan Convention, and is fulfilling its appropriate duties. Its annual reports, on record, indicate considerable success in its work.

In carrying out the trust committed to them, the Board provided and fitted out an appropriate Chapel in Ann street, conveniently situated in regard to the dwelling places of seamen. It will accommodate about three hundred persons.

The Board was pursuing its work with as much success as usual, when the circumstances occurred which led to the formation of the Church of St. Mary, which, at the Convention next following, applied for admission, as a parish organized for the special purpose of providing a free church for sailors in the port of Boston.

Now the question, raised by the Canon, is whether the existence of the Mission Chapel of the Board, established under authority of the Convention, precludes the necessity of a parish for Seamen in the same district.

Independent of any antagonism or rivalry with the Board, which might seem to be implied by the establishment of such a parish in such a place, there are facts relating to the attendance at these two places of worship for seamen, which bear directly upon the inquiry suggested by the Canon. Our knowledge of these facts is derived from statements made to members of the

Committee, appointed to confer with the Missionary and members of the Board of Missions, and with the Rector and Vestry of the Church of St. Mary.

From these statements we learn, that the attendance of seamen during the past year at the Chapel of the Board, in the evenings,—much the most favorable time for service,—has ranged from twelve to one hundred, and at the Church of St. Mary, from twenty-five to one hundred and twenty-five, except on one special occasion, when two hundred and fifty were present. Of others than seamen there has been an average attendance at the Mission, of between forty and fifty, and at the Church of St. Mary, of fifty, many of whom in both places were from other parishes. The entire attendance of seamen at both places of worship seems to have varied from thirty-seven to two hundred and twenty-five.

These statements will enable the Convention to form their judgment upon the practical question, whether a new place of worship for seamen is needed in that district of the city. The Chapel provided by the Board of Missions will accommodate, not only all who have attended it, but all who have attended both places of worship.

Let the subject also be considered in view of the charitable contributions, required to carry on this work.

There can be no question, that in a community, in which so large an amount of wealth is employed in commerce, which is distinguished alike by an enterprising and a generous spirit, a mission for seamen ought to be sustained by our Church on a liberal scale. It is well known, that many seamen who enter our ports are natives of countries, in which they have been familiar from childhood with Church services and order essentially the same as our own, and the number of such seamen is increasing. Christians have also been awaking of late years to a sense of their duty towards this class of men, so long neglected, and they have begun to look to them, as one of the great instruments for the extension of the Gospel and Church of Christ. And it is believed by this Committee, that if this subject were presented to the members of our Church in this Diocese, in such a manner as to command

confidence, rather than to raise doubt, there would be a response worthy of so great a cause.

But if the present state of things should continue, there can be no hope of any united or vigorous plan of action. There will be, as at present, a general conviction that the resources and efforts applied to the object, would be wasted in continuing worse than useless divisions. The members of our Church will not, and ought not, to regard it their duty permanently to support two places of worship for seamen, at an expense, little, if any, less than three thousand dollars annually, and in both of which, there has not been an average attendance of more than one hundred and twenty-five seamen, at the most favorable hour for service. No one can fail to perceive, that there is no reasonable ground of appeal to charity, to maintain such a state of things. Two churches for seamen in the same district, under such circumstances, only cripple and weaken each other. They both address the same class of persons, whose minds will of necessity be imbued with prejudices and a spirit of rivalry.

And in this connection it should be observed, that both of these places of worship are in effect *mission* stations, dependent upon the charitable offerings of other churches for their support. One is the mission of a Board, appointed and authorized by the Diocese; the other takes the *title* of a parish, but is to all intents and purposes a mission. Appeal is made for its support to the members of other churches, and upon their aid it depends for its existence. The practical question, then, really before the Convention is, whether an additional mission station for seamen, to be supported by the charitable contributions of our churches, ought to be established in this city, and in the same district with the mission of the Board. Does the duty of the Church to provide for the spiritual welfare of seamen demand this? Are the resources already in existence in the Mission of the Board sufficient? Or, if more extensive arrangements are desirable, is this the proper or most useful way of making them? It would seem to be the dictate of a wise policy to combine, rather than to divide our resources, if we would consult for the highest good of seamen. And the Committee are convinced, that if there should be a dis-

position in all concerned, to unite upon some ground, with the sole object of advancing the spiritual and eternal interests of seamen, such a union might be effected, and would greatly conduce to the honor and strength of our Church, and to the salvation of this class of men.

As the Free Church of St. Mary is within a short distance from Christ Church, whose interests have been represented as injuriously affected by the opening of a new Church in that part of the city, it is proper to state, that there are in Christ Church three hundred free seats, which furnish abundant accommodation for many more than those who attend St. Mary's, other than seamen. Christ Church has been making great exertions to maintain its ground, and if there is no demand for a new church expressly for seamen, there certainly would seem to be none, in that vicinity, for any other class of persons.

The Committee would now refer directly to the question, suggested by the Canon, in regard to the "resources in possession of the applicants, whereon may be founded a reasonable expectation that they now are, or are likely to become, within a reasonable time, a self-supporting parish." At present the Free Church of St. Mary "cannot be said to be, in any sense, self-supporting. It is supported,—as the mission of the Board is supported,—by the aid of its friends, who worship in other churches. It relies mainly upon the contributions of the members of other parishes, and has received these from various other parishes indiscriminately. It does not aim to be self-supporting in any proper sense of the expression, but is rather a voluntary mission, conducted and sustained by individuals, nearly all of whom continue regular worshippers and communicants in other churches.

The attention of the Convention will now be directed to another point, of great importance, involved in this case. It relates to the organization of parishes.

No application like that of St. Mary's Church has ever before been made to this Convention, and before a decision is taken upon it, the subject should be fully considered in all its bearings.

The mode of forming new parishes, and their due organization,

seem to be unsettled in this Diocese. This, however, is clear, that no persons, united together for parochial purposes, are to be presumed to be a parish, a constituent part of the Diocese, until their organization has been examined, and accepted as sufficient, by the Convention. The sole power and authority to divide parishes, and establish new ones, rest finally with the Diocesan Convention. Until a proposed parish has been received by the Diocese, it is not a part of it, and has no authority to exercise the rights of a parish in connection with it.

And it is a question of fundamental importance, what principle shall govern the admission of parishes into union with the Diocese, through its Convention. Upon parishes, united in Diocesan Conventions, rests the entire practical government of the Church. They choose our Bishops. They make our Diocesan Constitutions and Canons. They choose our General Convention, in one of its branches, and indirectly in both, and thus affect the Constitution and Canons, the discipline and worship of the whole Church in the country. The admission of a parish into union with the Convention, involves, therefore, not merely the rights and interests of the parish proposed, but of the whole Diocese, of the general Church, and its entire administration.

While there should be no check upon the increase of parishes, (properly constituted,) where a real extension of the Church calls for their formation, needless divisions of existing parishes, originating in transient and excited feelings, should not be encouraged. It is easy by a vote to admit a new parish, but, once received, it remains, and may exercise all the powers of a parish, though it may retain a merely nominal existence as regards the principal objects for which parishes should be formed.

There are peculiarities in the organization of the proposed parish of St. Mary which make it an anomalous case, and to which the close attention of the Convention should be directed, before they give to them their sanction, especially as the present decision must stand as a precedent for the future.

In this case, there seems to have been formed a Corporation, with the title of "The free Church of St. Mary for Sailors." It is made up of the Rector and assistant Rector, if any, *ex officio*,

and several laymen, who must be not less than twelve, nor more than twenty in number, who shall be stated worshippers in the Protestant Episcopal Church, and shall reside at, or transact business in, the Port of Boston. These incorporators choose a Vestry and Treasurer, who have the whole charge and responsibility of the temporal affairs of the parish. Neither the Corporation nor the Vestry need be worshippers in the parish Church, nor even residents in the city. In fact, hardly any, if any of them, are stated worshippers in the Church of St. Mary, but all, or nearly all, are regular worshippers and communicants in other churches, in and out of the city of Boston. A church and parish thus organized, with a Corporation and Vestry non worshippers in it, still continuing members and communicants of other churches, is an entire anomaly in this Diocese.

There would seem to be no occasion for such an association for a charitable purpose, to take the title and nominal form of a parish, and it is very questionable whether it comes within the meaning and design of the term parish in the Constitution, or whether it is duly organized. Not united in any place for public worship, not members of the particular Church which they represent, except in a nominal sense, it is evident that this association is simply a self constituted Board of Missions for seamen, and, if admitted to a share in the deliberations and votes of this Convention, there would seem to be equal reason for extending the same privilege to the other Boards of Missions, which might easily, at any meeting, constitute themselves parishes of a similar kind.

It is obvious too that if a parish, thus formed, may be admitted into the Convention, with equal rights with any other, such parishes may be multiplied; and a few persons, resident in one or more places, may form several parishes, within which they do not worship, and control the whole action of a Diocese. They would have the full influence and representation of distinct parishes regularly constituted, the same individuals being represented two, or more times, without limit. A principle of representation would thus be established, at variance with the spirit of our Constitution; which would change the essential idea of our Convention, as de-

signed to be a fair representation of the Church in the Diocese, and which would admit of other great practical evils.

In view of the entire subject, the Committee feel constrained to declare their opinion to be, that the application of the "Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors" to be admitted into union with this Convention, should not be complied with.

In behalf of the Standing Committee,

CHARLES MASON, *Secretary*.

A discussion arose upon this communication, during which, the hour of adjournment having arrived, it was

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention now adjourn to meet again in this place at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Morning Session were read and approved.

The Rev. Theodore W. Snow, from the Board of Missions, made the Annual Report of that body, as follows:

Report of the Board of Missions.

This Board respectfully present to the Convention this their Seventeenth Annual Report.

The appropriations for the year have been as follows:—

To the Missionary at St. John's Church, East Boston,	\$200
" " " Christ " Plymouth,	150
" " " St. Andrews " New Boston,	50
" " " St. Paul's " Stockbridge,	150
" " " Trinity " Lennox,	
" " " Trinity " Vandeusenville,	100
" " " St. Luke's " Chelsea,	150
" " " St. Paul's " Nantucket,	150
" " " Trinity " Pawtucket,	150
" " " Grace " Medford,	200
" " " St. Peter's " Cambridgeport,	150
" " " Church of the Ascension, Fall River,	150

Comparing this list of appropriations with that of the last year we shall find that, since the last Convention, Grace Church, Lawrence, has become self-supporting, and that the Church of the Ascension, Fall River, has dispensed with an important fraction of previous appropriations. For several years both of these churches have been sustained from our Treasury, and it is a most encouraging fact that both are now in possession of a commodious and substantial building for sacred purposes.

We have also the pleasure of being able to record that our Missionary in Pawtucket has succeeded in raising very nearly, if not all, the amount necessary for the completion of a church, and that he will apply for its consecration in the course of the summer; after which time it is anticipated that there will be no application for further aid.

At Wood's Hole, within the ancient township of Falmouth, a church is under contract, which will be completed in two or three months. Occasional services have been held there by clergymen spending a few weeks of the summer season there, and likewise during the last winter, by two or three of our brethren who have been invited to visit the place with reference to taking charge of the recently organized parish. We have been requested by the Wardens and Vestry to send a Missionary, but no one has been yet appointed.

With regard to other stations on our list, we have only to say that in some instances all we can do is to "strengthen the things which remain, and that are ready to die," while in others we must wait as patiently, and give as liberally as possible, in order to ultimate success. What we most stand in need of, now as always, is the judicious and devoted Missionary. To supply this want is, indeed, a difficult and discouraging task. We must have more men, and men of the right kind. Could we command these, we could easily command funds for their liberal support, and point them to openings which would well reward their labors and our care. It is in vain to think of occupying strong points, unless we have those coming into our employ who are fitted for occupying them. The great feature in our policy, as a church-extension organization, ought to be that of a temperate, but at the

e, a vigorous aggressiveness upon townships where there
y a large or a rapidly increasing population. With
men, devoting themselves to, and persevering in, this
could adopt and carry out this policy. Such towns as
g, and many others which will at once occur to any one
with our State, could be assumed at once as stations, and
multiply our churches. In this Diocesan department of Mis-
well as in that of the Domestic and Foreign, the faithful
may well pray the "Lord of the harvest" that he would
h more laborers into his harvest.

again, we are able to report the Board as unencumbered
t.

THEODORE W. SNOW, *Secretary*.

Rev. Charles Mason, from the Executive Commit-
orted as follows :

Executive Committee respectfully report, that they have
ention to the following resolution, passed in the Convention
7, viz. : " Voted that the Executive Committee, in deter-
e time and place of holding the next annual Convention,
rly consider the expediency of holding the same during
week in May, and in a place less spacious than heretofore
l report upon the subject as early as practicable." The
æ however, recommend that the 3rd Wednesday in May,
10 o'clock, A. M., be the time, and Trinity Church, Bos-
place, for the meeting of the next Convention, and that
John S. Stone, D. D., be the preacher on the occasion,
Rev. William S. Child, be the substitute.

CHARLES MASON, *Chairman*.

h report was, on motion, accepted.

otion,

ved, That the subject of the admission of the Free
of St. Mary for Seamen into union with the Con-
be indefinitely postponed.

lev. Samuel B. Babcock presented the report of
asurer of the Clerical Fund Association. (*See*
x).

The Rev. P. H. Greenleaf presented the annual report of the Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen.

Report of the Widows and Orphans Society.

The Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in conformity with the practice of past years, and in obedience to the own laws, present the following Report of their investment expenditures and proceedings for the year past, to the Convention of the Church of this Diocese.

By the Treasurer's Report it appears that the receipts of the Society up to the present time have been \$7847 63.

Of this amount there is invested in the Boston Institution for Savings,

tution for Savings,	\$1850 0
In the Suffolk Savings Bank,	2787 7
In a Mortgage of Real Estate,	1000 0
In the Life Hospital Insurance Co.,	944 1
Uninvested,	\$104 0

6685 9

Add from Interest on capital and other sources, 1161 7

\$7847 6

The Society has held no public meeting during the past year and has received no application for relief. A single case of contract relief, has, as it appears by the Treasurer's Report, been paid, and beyond that no action has been had, other than changing the class of contract annuity in two cases, permitting the applicants to date no further back than the time of such application. A new effort has been, and is now in progress, to increase the number of the members of the Society among the Laity of the Church, and upon the result of that effort the Society must mainly depend for the further efficiency of the purposes for which it was organized.

In behalf of the Society,

P. H. GREENLEAF, *Secretary.*

Which was received and ordered to be printed in the Journal.

The Rev. Mr. Baury presented the Treasurer's report of the same society. (*See Appendix.*)

The Rev. Mr. Packard, from the Committee on New Parishes, reported that no application had been laid before them for the admission of any new Parish.

On motion,

Resolved, That 1000 copies of the Journal be printed, and that the Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention be a Committee to attend to its publication.

On motion,

Resolved, That after the usual religious services, the Convention adjourn.

The minutes of the Session were read and approved.

The 103d Hymn was then sung and, after prayer and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest,

JOSEPH H. CLINCH, *Secretary*.

W. T. SMITHETT, *Assistant Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Suffolk County.

Trinity Church, Boston.

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rector.

THE REV. JOHN COTTON SMITH, Assistant Minister on the
Greene Foundation.

Baptisms, (infants,) 23. Marriages, 17. Burials, 19. Confirmed, 8. Communicants, about 360. Sunday Scholars, 130; Teachers, 20.

The parish are on the eve of commencing the erection, in the rear of the church, of a new and substantial Sunday School Room of stone, with a commodious Vestry Room under the same roof. It is expected that the work, which is to cost about \$5000, will be completed in the ensuing autumn.

The following have been the contributions, as far as ascertained, during the past year:—Communion Offerings, \$575.92½; Diocesan Missions, \$636.93; for Church Building in this and other Dioceses, and Parsonages, \$1584; for the Board of Missions for Seamen, \$561.66; for the American Sunday School Union, \$421; for Foreign Missions, \$249.70; for Missions in the Diocese of Maine, \$135.07; for Norwich University, and other objects connected with collegiate education, \$271; for the Relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen of the Diocese, \$10; Trinity

Church Charitable Society for clothing the poor, \$156; Collected at the Price Lectures, \$156.69; Boston Young Men's Christian Association, \$225; for other benevolent objects, \$289.25. Of the amount contributed to Diocesan Missions, \$183 were given by the Ladies' Missionary Association; who also raised, by their exertions, \$431 of the sum above reported as given for church building, and for parsonages. Of the amount cast into the Treasury of Foreign Missions, \$25 were also the gift of this Association; and \$73.90 came from the Sunday Scholars of the parish. The total amount of contributions is \$5272.22½.

Christ Church, Boston.

THE REV. W. T. SMITHETT, Rector.

Baptisms, (2 adults,) 52. Marriages, 33. Burials, 38. Communicants, 89. Confirmed, 5. Sunday Scholars, 113; Sunday School Teachers, 11; Librarians, 2; Books in S. S. Library, 452; in Parish Library, 393. Church offerings, &c.: Holy Communion, \$105.21; Domestic Missions, \$15; Massachusetts Board, \$35; Foreign Missions, (education in China,) \$25; do. Panama, \$8; Seamen's Mission, \$15; Widow and Orphan Fund, \$10; New York Bible and Prayer Book Society, which gave 100 Prayer Books to Seamen's Mission through the Rector, \$17; for Sabbath School, (books, &c.,) \$34.35; Mohawk Mission, \$4; for other (chiefly parish) purposes, \$67.35; Total raised in the Church for the year, \$335.91. The parish has been peculiarly unfortunate during the past year in the number of deaths and removals, with but a very small accession to its population.

The temporary endowment, referred to in the last Report, from churchmen beyond the limits of the parish, remains in about the same condition. New subscribers having been found to supply the place of a few who have since either deceased or withdrawn. The following is the acknowledgment of this timely aid by the Vestry and Proprietors:

Voted, That the names of the persons who have contributed to the support of this Parish during the past year, (1852,) be placed on the records of the church, and that a vote of thanks be hereby

tendered them for the substantial interest they have manifested in behalf of this ancient parish.

The church property, by the judicious and faithful administration of the Wardens and Vestry, has been placed in good condition and upon a permanent basis. Land and buildings, hitherto yielding but a trifling revenue, and at times almost absorbed by taxes and repairs, have been leased for a term of years, upon the expiration of which, (about 1862,) an income of probably about \$1500 per annum will revert to the corporation.

During the past year, the church has been twice threatened with destruction by fire, and the last visitation of this character, but for the timely aid and vigorous exertions of the neighbors, would have become a serious conflagration. The flames were arrested, with only a partial destruction of the roof, which, however, renders it imperative upon the parish to cover the same over with slate. We trust, therefore, that means will be provided to enable us to accomplish this desirable object—not only for the safety of the neighborhood and the preservation of an ancient landmark and civic memorial of the past—but also to save a time-honored and venerable temple of the Most High God from ruin and overthrow.

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

THE REV. A. H. VINTON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 4, infants 6,) 10. Communicants: added, 28; died, 3; removed 4; present number, 341. Confirmed, 15. Marriages, 13. Burials, 13. Sunday School and Bible Classes: Teachers, 35; pupils, 170; Ladies' Bible Class, 60. Charities: Foreign Missions, \$400; Domestic Missions, \$751; Diocesan Missions, \$521.96; City Missions, \$100; Seamen's Missions, \$231; Boston Young Men's Christian Association, \$500; Sunday Schools at the West, \$620; Colporteurs, \$434; Episcopal College in Canada, \$112; Offertory, \$495.26; other objects, \$4037; Total, \$8203.07.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

THE REV. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 37, adult 1,) 38. Communicants : added, 22 ; died or removed, 12 ; present number, 78. Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 25. Burials, 36. Sunday School Scholars, 100. Missionary contributions : General Board, \$00 ; Massachusetts Board, \$10. Religious Purposes : American S. S. Union, \$6 ; Massachusetts Tract Society, \$5 ; Widows and Orphans Society, \$10 ; Offertory, \$66.31 ; Parochial Collections, \$85.50. Total, \$172.81.

Notwithstanding the difficulty under which this parish still labors from the want of a new church, it has never been in a more healthy condition than at present. The above statistics exhibit the amount of parochial duty performed during the past year, in which it is exceeded by not more than two or three parishes in the Diocese. The Sunday School is in a very flourishing condition, and a Bible Class, well attended, has been in operation for the last seven months. In addition to the sums above reported, between two and three hundred dollars have been raised and expended for repairs, and an effort is now being made to procure funds for the purchase of a new organ—a matter of absolute necessity.

Public worship has been uninterruptedly sustained, as usual, and has been well attended.

Grace Church, Boston.

THE REV. CHARLES MASON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 17, adults 3,) 20. Communicants : added, 30 ; died or removed, 27 ; present number, about 200. Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 11. Burials, 5. Sunday School : Teachers, 23 ; Scholars, 135. Missionary contributions : General Board, \$200 ; For Domestic Missions not connected with the Board, \$100 ; Diocesan Board, \$160 ; Diocesan Missions not connected with the Board, \$75 ; Seamen's Mission, \$100. Churches and

education in Canada, \$85. Communion Alms, \$226. Other parochial offerings for the Poor, \$150. Total, \$1096.

The Rector is aware that many other sums have been given directly, by many individuals of the parish, for missionary and other charitable objects, but they are too private in their character to be included in this report.

The temporal condition of this parish has not materially changed during the year past. In a spiritual respect the Rector has felt more than usual encouragement in his labors.

The Sunday School continues to flourish, through the aid of persevering and devoted teachers, and the attention given, especially to the children of the poor, has not been remitted, but rather increased under the cheering evidence of the Divine blessing.

Church of the Messiah, Boston.

THE REV. GEORGE M. RANDALL, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 5, infants 31,) total, 36. Communicants: added, 50; died or removed, 32; present number, 246. Confirmed, 23. Marriages, 14. Burials, 15. Sunday School: Scholars, 220; Teachers, 30, with Superintendent and two Librarians; total, 253. Contributions: Communion alms, \$185.82; from other sources for the poor, \$5. Weekly Offerings, \$234,—of which were appropriated to Missions in this Diocese, \$40; erection of churches \$41; Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$29; Cape Palmas Orphan Asylum, \$15. Sunday School Collections; \$130.40,—of which were contributed by the scholars, for Africa, \$40; by the Bible classes to constitute the Rector a life member of the American Sunday School Union, \$30; collected for books, \$60.40. Total, \$555.82.

The Sunday School has held a session on every Sunday through the year. The average attendance of scholars has been *one hundred and fourteen*. One hundred volumes have been added to the library, and the same number has been given to a destitute Sunday School in this Diocese.

Church of the Advent, Boston.

THE RIGHT REV. HORATIO SOUTHGATE, D. D., Rector.

THE REV. M. P. STICKNEY, Priest Associate.

THE REV. PHILIP TOCQUE, Deacon Associate.

Baptisms, (children 46, adults 12,) 58. Communicants: added, 79; died or removed, 12; present number, 310. Confirmed none. Marriages, 10. Burials, 20. Sunday School Scholars, 100.

The increase of the Parish, during the past year, has been marked and decided. This is sufficiently indicated by the increase of communicants, which forms but a small portion of the addition to the congregation.

I have received, during the year, the names of more than two hundred parishioners, old and young; and the present congregation, if gathered all on one occasion, is larger than our present church building can contain.

I have admitted thirty-one persons to the Holy Communion, as being ready and desirous to be confirmed. If, however, Confirmation had been administered in the church, the number who would have presented themselves for the reception of that holy ordinance would have been much larger. Some have been unwilling to come to Holy Communion without being first confirmed; while others, formerly admitted to Communion, still wait for Confirmation. Including all these, I suppose that there are not far from one hundred in the parish who are ready and desirous for Confirmation. The increase of the Parish is further indicated by the increase of the offertory. The Offerings for the past year have amounted to a little more than eight thousand three hundred dollars, including a few private donations which did not pass through the offertory. These offerings, being a hundred per cent. advance upon the Offerings of the preceding year, have been applied to the support of the Clergy and other parochial expenses, the maintenance of the poor, the aged and the orphans, and to the aid of poor churches in different parts of the country.

For the poor alone, more than one thousand dollars have been expended. An exploration has been made by the Deacon Associate, under the direction of the Rector, which has resulted in the discovery of one hundred and seven families belonging to the Church, (most of them originally of the Church of England and Ireland,) who are either living in utter destitution of the means of grace, or are connected with some of our Parishes.

The investigation was confined to the district of the city adjacent to the Church of the Advent, extending from Charlestown street to Cambridge street. Besides these hundred and seven Church families, there were found ninety-two families, unconnected with any Parish or religious denomination, who declared their willingness to attend Church,—making in all one hundred and ninety-nine families, containing probably not far from one thousand souls, in this district alone, unprovided for, for whom the Church may be regarded as responsible. What results might a similar exploration of the whole city reveal? In these hundred and ninety-nine families, were found eighty-one unbaptized children, and one hundred and fifty-nine children without religious instruction, whose parents were willing that they should attend Sunday School, and who were of suitable age for the purpose. Several of these children have since been baptized, and others added to the Sunday School. The Sunday School itself has doubled in the number of scholars and in the number of teachers. With all this progress, there have been some things to be lamented. The increase in the number of those who attend daily service has not been in proportion to the increase of the congregation. The number of Communicants at the Holy Communion on Saints' Days, averages about fifty, at the highest. This seems a small number out of more than three hundred communicants. But there has been some improvement even here; and when we consider the disadvantages under which our Church system operates in New England, there is perhaps no ground for discouragement. The Daily Service of Morning and Evening Prayer has been offered throughout the year. The Holy Communion has been administered on the first Sunday of every month, on all Festivals, (thrice at Easter and thrice in Whitsun-

) and on Maundy-Thursday, in the evening. On many of occasions, sermons have been preached, besides two sermons or lectures, weekly, in Lent, and a sermon every day in Passion-Week. The children of the Parish have been catechised on the first Sunday afternoon of each month; and the Feast of Innocents was celebrated specially as their annual Festival.

St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

THE REV. E. M. P. WELLS, D. D., Minister.

Baptisms, 84. Confirmed, 12. Communicants varying constantly from 180 to 220; the largest number at one celebration, 220. Communion celebrated 28 times. Marriages, 35. Burials, 38. Day School: Teachers, 16; Scholars, varying from 70 to 90. Amount given for Church benevolent purposes by the congregation, \$1546.36.

The daily attendance at morning and evening prayer averages at 25. There are lectures at evening prayer on Wednesdays on Saints' days. The Parish School is continued and successful.

have received in voluntary donations for the relief of the poor, \$3243.27, which has been given on over 3500 occasions. A little of this has been given to our own regular parishioners. has been given, not in money, but chiefly in provisions, clothing, fuel, rent, and for sickness. Some of the details are 12,383 lbs, 3172 lodgings, 860 loaves, 538 parcels of tea and sugar.

St. John's Church, East Boston.

Baptisms: (adults, 1, infants 25,) total, 26. Confirmed, 2. Communicants: left, 3; removed, 1; added, 6; present number, 9.

Sunday Scholars, 70. Marriages, 4. Burials, 11. Collections: fund for Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$13.10; other objects, \$41.52. Total, \$54.62.

The late Rector resigned the charge of the parish, 17th April, 1851 Sunday after Easter. During the four years and six months

in which he presided over it, he has had occasion to say, with the Psalmist, "My song shall be of *mercy and judgment*."

On Trinity Sunday, 6th June, 1852, it was our delightful privilege to assemble, for the first time, in the lecture room, under the church, for public worship; on which occasion, the writer preached from the words of David, as recorded 1 Chron. xxix. 1, "The palace is not for man, but for the Lord God."

On the evening of the same day, all hearts were encouraged and refreshed by a visitation from the Bishop, who preached and administered confirmation.

Since the last report to the Convention, the following donations have been most gratefully received, viz: from H. T. Parker, Esq., a book of offices, called "Altar Service;" from a nephew and sister of the late Rev. Addison Searle, a communion plate; from H. W. Clapp, Esq., of St. James's Church, Greenfield, a chaste and substantial chandelier.

The members of the Sunday School have procured a simple set of Tablets for the Lecture Room, at an expense of seventeen dollars and ninety-nine cents.

A young lad likewise obtained subscriptions to the amount of *thirty-five* dollars, and thereby added *three hundred volumes* to the Sunday School library. One class of the school and their teacher, together with a member of another class, have collected, in donations, and by their own contributions, some *seventy-five dollars* for a pulpit and reading desk.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle has been re-organized, and when the services of another Rector are secured, will, doubtless, be an efficient aid to the parish.

The whole amount of moneys collected for the church, during my Rectorship, is *five thousand four hundred and twelve dollars and twenty cents*. Of this amount, thirteen hundred twenty-seven dollars and twenty-three cents were lost by the destruction of the first edifice.

In addition to the moneys actually paid in, the writer has likewise obtained pledges to the amount of two thousand dollars. So that a thousand dollars are still needed to complete the interior, and pay all the instalments which may then be due.

And the writer cannot but make a *final appeal* to those churchmen whom God has blessed with this world's goods, that they may come forward and aid this good cause.

In conclusion, the undersigned would here express his cordial gratitude to his former parishioners for their many acts of kindness and the purse of an *hundred dollars* sent him on accepting his resignation, "as a slight testimonial of their due appreciation of his services."

The donation, likewise, of several valuable standard works of English Theologians from the Sunday School, has afforded him additional gratification in the review of his labors in this interesting parish.

May God be merciful to them, and bless them, by sending a faithful pastor, who shall watch for their souls, as one that must give an account!

N. G. ALLEN, *Late Rector.*

Since the resignation of the Rev. N. G. Allen, the Rev. Mr. Palmer has officiated and baptized one infant.

W. H. CALBROW, *Senior Warden.*

St. Mark's Church, Boston,

THE REV. P. H. GREENLEAF, Rector.

Baptisms, 17. Communicants: added 16; total 41. Marriages, 3. Burials, 11. Sunday Scholars, as last year. Families &c. 71. Contributions for parochial uses chiefly, \$575.00.

The growth and experience of another year have added to the conviction expressed in the last Report, of the great value and importance of this field of usefulness. A rapidly increasing population, and the character and condition of the ward in which this parish is situated, must satisfy any observer of passing events that there should be established here, a Church of our communion. Whether, however, the present enterprise is successful, or not, must depend, to a great extent, upon the present aid which may be given to it.

The Rector has officiated throughout the year upon the Sundays and principal Holy Days, and has taught weekly a Bible

class and the pupils of the Sunday School. A class of catechumens has been prepared for confirmation, but circumstances, wholly beyond our control, have hitherto prevented their presentation. No public collections have been taken, except the usual Communion Offertory, but the Rector records with gratitude, the assistance rendered to the parish from a few kind friends beyond its bounds, and the success which has thus far attended the efforts of its members. He acknowledges also, an "*Easter Offering*" of a new Surplice, and a sum of money from the "Ladies of the parish," whose noble efforts in assisting him in his labors, deserve his thanks.

It has not yet been deemed expedient to commence any subscriptions for a larger Church edifice, but we look forward with hope to such a consummation of our wishes. In July last a taxation of pews was established, for the payment of current expenses, reserving a sufficient number of sittings *free*, to meet the wants of this part of the city. And it is believed that this parish now stands upon a basis, from which it is not likely to be removed. Meanwhile, in faith and hope the Rector continues his humble labors, seeing in the affection and confidence of his people, a present encouragement, and in the success which has already attended them, a reward which is in itself a pledge of the Divine blessing.

To the Board of Missions for Seamen.

Gentlemen,—The question has sometimes been agitated, why God should have covered three-fourths of our globe with water. While neither reason nor revelation affords an answer to this question, we can readily perceive that great benefit has resulted from it, in the fact that mankind are made accessible to each other. Europe and America are thus laid side by side. The world is made one great family of nations, and the grand ligament which binds it together is seamen—themselves at once the channels and sources of a mighty influence. How important then their reformation and conversion to God. It would be a public benefit. Sailors are a peculiar class—peculiar in their sentiments, habits, occupations and mode of life. They have a

world of their own—they live in a different element, and on many accounts are entitled to our benevolent regards. Their privations are many : deprived as they are of home, and separated from the endearments of family relations, and excluded, by the nature of their employment, from the ordinary means of grace. That they should be led astray, under such circumstances, is not at all surprising. But the life of a sailor is not only one of danger and privation, but of continual toil and suffering. They are also peculiarly exposed to temptations. They have claims, not only on our philanthropy, but on our justice. We are under great obligations to them ; they contribute continually to our comfort. It was to the daring spirit, sublime genius, and skill and science of a seaman, that we are indebted for discovering this mighty continent, which has become an asylum of liberty—for a field on which the great experiment of self-government can be made.

The conversion of seamen, being intimately connected with the conversion of others in all parts of the world, should be an object of great desire. Their condition has been compared to that of the persons who are suspended by ropes from the dome of St. Peters' Church, for the purpose of illuminating it ; so dangerous is it considered, that they attend mass before ascending the dome—such is the condition of the sailor, with but a single plank between him and eternity. Who that has been to sea in a storm, and seen the sailor tremulously ascending to the top of the mast, has not felt that he ought to be anointed with the Holy Ghost, before he engages in so hazardous an enterprise.

In view of the foregoing remarks, can there be a doubt that the "Episcopal Mission for Seamen," is engaged in a most important work ? Your Chaplain has, on the whole, spent a happy and profitable year. His heart has been encouraged in his labors, and he has reasons for concluding that he has not labored in vain.

Since the last annual report, divine service has been held at the Chapel, on every Sunday morning and evening. The number of attendants has on the whole increased ; and on some occasions, in the evening, the house has been well filled.

On invitation given by the Chaplain on Sunday evenings, 674 seamen have remained after the services, to receive books, tracts,

papers, and sometimes Bibles and Prayer Books. Of these, 67 have visited the Chaplain at his room, during the week, for the purpose of receiving Bibles or Prayer Books, or for religious consultation and prayer. Some of these visits have been highly encouraging.

A weekly visit has been made to Chelsea Hospital, when from one to three hours have been spent very profitably, and it is believed usefully, in conversation with the inmates. These visits have not been made, merely to spend an idle hour, or for matters with which to fill up a report; but it has been made a matter of duty to converse with each sailor—if not asleep, and circumstances permitted it—on the concerns of the soul; inquiring into the state of the mind, and giving such advice, as the case might demand. The object of these visits has been the spiritual interest of the sailor. Tracts have been given to each one, sometimes papers, books, Testaments and Prayer Books, when asked for. Some of these visits have been deeply interesting, and, as a general rule, welcomed, and thankfully received. Some have been found very skeptical, many indifferent; at times a pious sailor has been met with; and some have been found deeply concerned for their salvation. One man in particular said, “I could not get through with the tract you gave me when last here, it was so solemn and awful. It has taken a firm hold of my mind. I believe every word I read, and I have made up my mind to lead a different life.” From subsequent conversation, it is believed that he has found Him, of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write.

From a suggestion made by the Rev. Mr. Bedell, in his sermon on behalf of the mission, last fall, several ladies of St. Paul’s commenced an effort for raising a Library for seamen, in connection with the Chapel. Others have sent in money and books, and we now have a library of 240 volumes. 44 of these books are in the hands of seamen in various parts of the world. This library should be greatly increased by the friends of this mission. It is hoped they will not forget it.

There are now 12 communicants attached to the Chapel. This number could be considerably increased, should all who have communed there be reported as communicants; but as the object is not effect, but to state facts, it is with pleasure the statement is made,

that by the register it appears that there are really 12 communicants. One seaman has been confirmed.

During the year the Chaplain has baptized 4 infants, attended 4 funerals, and married 3 couples.

Besides his regular services at the Chapel, and labors among seamen, he has preached on 42 occasions in other Churches, and spent much time in visiting among the poor and destitute, administering to their necessities, and endeavoring to interest them on the subject of their salvation. An effort was made last summer to get into operation a Sunday School in connection with the Chapel, but without success, for want of materials.

The following statistics of distribution the past year are furnished. Bibles: English, 68; French, 3; Spanish, 1; Portuguese, 15; total of Bibles: 87. Testaments: English, 98; French, 3; Spanish, 4; German, 1; Portuguese, 19; Danish, 2; Swedish, 2; Italian, 1. Total of Testaments, 130. Prayer Books, 35; Volumes, 164; total of Books, 416; Pamphlets, 183; Pages of Tracts, English, 11800; Foreign, 974. Religious and Temperance papers, 786. Articles of clothing, 112 pieces.

The following churches have contributed clothing for the needy sailor. Trinity and St. Paul's, Boston; St. James's, Roxbury; St. Andrew's, Hanover; St. Peter's, Salem; a friend at Dedham, and several unknown friends in the city.

In closing this eighth annual report of the mission, your Chaplain feels that there has not been good done commensurate with the labor expended. And yet it is difficult to determine how much good has been done. It is not seen. It cannot be gathered up. The labor has been literally "bread cast upon the waters." The great day alone can reveal the good accomplished. Much more might have been done, but for influences without. One thing is certain; that the mission is on a better and more permanent footing than it has ever been, and the prospect for success is highly encouraging. We leave all in the hands of Him without whom nothing is strong, nothing is mighty, believing that futurity will develop the fact, that the mission has done its part in fulfilling the purposes of God.

C. WILTBERGER, *Chaplain.*

Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors.

[Not in Union with the Convention.]

THE REV. JOHN P. ROBINSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 15,) total, 17. Communicants, 69. Confirmed, 13. Burials, 22. Marriages, 7. 237 pieces of clothing to shipwrecked and destitute seamen. 435 Bibles, 375 Testaments, (in all languages,) 303 Prayer Books, and 715 volumes of religious reading, have been given to seamen going to sea.

On Christmas day, 35 poor families connected with the parish received each a turkey, half bushel of potatoes, and a package of tea and sugar.

\$1750 have passed through the Treasury for parochial and charitable purposes.

The church we occupy has been purchased for our use by a member of the Corporation, and is being put in a state of thorough repair.

To the RT. REV. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts. }

In the regular performance of the duties appropriate to my office, the past year has been one of much interest to me, particularly in the new field of labor which I have entered since our last Convention. For the first three months, I officiated in the parish of Christ Church, Quincy. During the remainder of the year I have performed the duties of Chaplain in the House of Correction in this city.

I have baptized 13 infants; solemnized 5 marriages, and officiated at 6 funerals.

I received the appointment of Chaplain to the House of Correction in August last, and entered immediately upon my duties in that Institution. We have the regular service of the Church, and the preaching of the Gospel, twice on each Sunday in the Chapel, where we have a congregation of from four to five hundred persons. We have also a Sunday School, in which I am assisted by a number of excellent teachers from the city, whose self-denying labors are worthy of high commendations.

In addition to these labors on the Sabbath, I visit the Institution every day in the week except Saturday, and hold religious services in both the male and female departments. On these days I also visit the sick in the Hospitals; distribute books among the prisoners, and in private, personal interviews with them, impart such counsel and advice as their cases require, striving to lead them to repentance, and to a better course of life. I feel satisfied that by these labors a good influence is exerted over the prisoners in their bondage and toil; and I cannot but hope that some are fully persuaded to turn from their evil ways.

The new Chapel, which has recently been provided for this Institution, was opened with appropriate services on the first Sunday of the present month. It is very commodious, and affords additional facilities for promoting the religious welfare, as well as the comfort, of all who worship there. May the Gospel which is preached among them become the power of God unto their salvation.

J. T. BURRILL,

Chaplain of the House of Correction, South Boston.

May 17, 1853.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.

THE REV. WILLIAM S. BARTLET, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 11, adults, 0. Communicants: added, 6; died or removed, 8; present number, 49. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 6. Burials, 4. Sunday School Scholars, 48. Missionary Collections: General Board, none; Massachusetts Board, \$14.39. Other contributions for religious purposes: \$12.13 by Sunday School Scholars for a library for themselves; \$3.21 for the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen; \$10.37 for a local charitable Society.

The parish appears to be recovering from its depression two years since. We have, however, to lament the removal of several valuable members from town, and among them some who have been with us from the beginning. The consolation, however, is, that they will be of efficient service to those clerical brethren under whose ministrations they have placed themselves.

From November to April, both inclusive, a service has been held in the church every Sunday evening, which I was enabled to keep up, by the kind aid of my brethren in the neighborhood. We again acknowledge with gratitude the kindness of a gentleman in New York, in contributing fifty dollars towards the Rector's salary, and the Rector would say that the manner in which this gift was made, and the words of confidence and approbation which accompanied it, added to its value.

In the increase of the town, which is going on quite rapidly, we are authorized to expect some additions to our congregation.

Essex County.

St. Peter's Church, Salem.

Baptisms, (infants 27, adults 4,) 31. Communicants, present number, 240. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 9. Funerals, 16. Contributions: Education of an African youth, \$25; American Sunday School Union, \$40; Diocesan Missions, \$57.12; General Domestic Mission, \$57.12; General Foreign Missions, \$50; Trinity Church, Pawtucket, \$33.75; Collection in Sunday School, \$50; Collection for Poor and Communion Alms, \$174.51; Church at East Boston, \$25. Total, \$512.50. Also, a box of clothing from the Young Ladies' Sewing Circle for Seamen's Chapel, under the charge of the Rev. C. Wiltberger.

For the first five months of the past Conventional year, the parish of St. Peter's enjoyed the faithful ministrations of its late beloved and respected Rector, the Rev. William R. Babcock. In October last, the parish kindly gave him leave of absence for six months, with the hope, that his health, impaired by diligent devotion to the duties of his office, might be restored, and his ministry continued among them. But before the above period had elapsed, this hope had to be abandoned, and he found it necessary to tender the resignation of his parochial charge. This was reluctantly granted by the parish, and he has gone abroad in pursuit of health. Mr. Babcock's Rectorship continued for a period of more than five years at St. Peter's, during which he preached the Gospel in all its simplicity, and gave himself entirely

to the duties of his office. His ministry was attended with unusual success, as the records of the church and the flourishing condition of the parish show, and with great acceptance, as the hearts of his people testify.

The undersigned was invited by the proprietors to take charge of the Parish of St. Peter's during the contemplated absence of its Rector, of which he accepted, and entered upon its duties in October, 1852. His connexion terminated on the last Sunday in April, 1853. He cannot close this report without acknowledging the great pleasure with which he ministered to this people, and the cordial manner in which his services were received and sustained. Of venerable St. Peter's may it ever be said, "Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces; for my brethren and companions' sake I will wish thee prosperity: yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good."

WILLIAM HORTON.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

THE REV. JOHN B. RICHMOND, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 8. Communicants: added, 9; died, 1; present number, 84. Confirmed, 5. Married, 1. Burials, 5. Sunday School: Teachers, 11; Scholars, 73.

This Parish still continues to maintain the even tenor of its way. Since the last Report, the interior of the church has undergone several alterations. The floor has been carpeted for the first time. The walls have been beautifully frescoed, and the wood work has been newly grained in imitation of old English oak, and the pillars painted in imitation of Sienna marble. The whole reflects great credit upon Messrs. John and William Bartol, of this town, who performed the work. The Parish have expended thus far about twelve hundred dollars, and it is to be hoped that before another report shall be rendered, the exterior of the church may be painted, and a furnace added, both of which are much needed.

During the past year the ladies of the Parish, with their accustomed zeal and liberality, prepared *at a very short notice* for a

sale of useful and fancy articles, which though held in the parlor of a private dwelling resulted in securing about \$500.

Collections at the Offertory, \$100. Public collection for a destitute person out of the Parish, \$23. Trinity Church, Pawtucket, \$10. Twenty-six dollars have been also expended in making additions to the Sunday School library, which now contains about 400 volumes. The usual services have been held during Lent, and a weekly service for a part of the year.

May God's blessing be still vouchsafed to this people; and, while they shall prosper in temporal things, may they never be destitute of those spiritual things, without which the rest are of little importance.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

This church is without a Rector. The Rev. E. A. Washburn resigned the charge of this Parish, September 11th, 1851. Since that time, the public services of the church have been constantly and regularly performed by various clergymen. We find upon the records of this church, since the last Report :

Baptisms, infants, 13. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 10. Burials, 24. Communicants about 100. Missionary Contributions, \$17.83; American Sunday School Union, \$28.30; Poor Fund and Communion Alms, \$295.39.

We hope that, in the providence of God, we may soon be directed to unite upon and obtain a faithful servant of Christ, a pastor and teacher who will declare to us the whole counsel of God.

NATHANIEL FOSTER, }
HENRY ROAF, } *Wardens.*

St. James's Church, Amesbury.

THE REV. BENJAMIN AUSTIN, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 4. Communicants: added, 7; removed 7; present number, 48. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Sunday School: Scholars, about 50; Teachers, 10. Contributions: For Sunday School Library and Children's Magazine, \$13.65; Easter Collection, \$10; By an individual member of

the Parish for Chancel Prayer Books, \$10; Ladies' Society for Insurance on the Church, &c., \$50; Offertory, \$14.66. Other religious purposes, \$41.82. Total, \$140.13.

After a year of marked and unprecedented change, affecting the surrounding population, the Church in this place still continues in a healthy and hopeful condition. Some additions have been made to it, and the services are usually well attended. Entire unity and harmony prevail, and while there are "no divisions among us," our union is, we trust, based upon love to the Church of Christ, and faith in its divine and ever-present Head.

Through Advent, the church was opened for a third service on Sundays, also on various other occasions for evening lectures. The customary week-day services have likewise been held. Several names which never properly belonged upon the list of Communicants have lately been erased therefrom, and hence an apparent loss results, by which, however, the strength and real progress of the parish are not at all affected.

We have received from the Rev. William Horton the gift of a Bible for the desk.

Christ Church, Andover.

THE REV. SAMUEL FULLER, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 15, adults 2,) total 17. Communicants: added, 9; died or removed, 14; present number, 80. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 3. Burials, 9. Sunday School Scholars, 75. Missionary and other contributions: General Board, \$91.62, viz., for support of two native scholars at Cape Palmas, \$40.00; Foreign Committee, \$28.00; Domestic, \$23.62; towards support of Episcopate of Indiana, \$22.40; Diocesan Board, \$23.21; do. for Seamen, \$21.13; Diocesan Society for Relief of Aged and Indigent Clergymen, \$14.97; Do. Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$14.69; Parish Sunday School, \$31.26; Parish Library, \$9.53; Books and Tracts distributed in the congregation, \$9.83; Communion Expenses, \$4.95; Other objects within the parish, \$35.00: total \$278.09.

During the year no material change has occurred in the condition of the parish. The Rector desires to record his deep-felt

sense of obligation to several generous parishioners, and to the Ladies' Society, for their acceptable donations towards the improved appearance and comfort of the Rectory.

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.

THE REV. ISAAC W. HALLAM, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 5 adults 1,) total, 6. Communicants : added, 13 ; removed, 6 ; present number, 49. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 4. Burials, 6. Sunday School Scholars, 40. Missionary Contributions : Board of Missions for Seamen, \$7 ; Other Contributions : Offertory, \$35.08 ; Ladies' Sewing Society, \$24.50 ; Sunday School, \$2.50 ; Christmas sale, appropriated to local purposes, \$40. Total, \$109.08.

In the Journal of last year the number of communicants was printed 22 instead of 42.

Grace Church, Lawrence.

THE REV. GEORGE PACKARD, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 17, adults 3,) 20. Communicants : added, 25 ; died or removed, 15 ; present number, 92. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 9. Burials, 12. Sunday School Scholars, 87. Missionary and other contributions : Massachusetts Board, \$13.38 ; General Domestic Missions, \$6.38 ; Foreign Missions, \$7 ; American Sunday School Union, \$25.12 ; contribution of a parishioner to the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$25 ; Offertory, \$88.21 ; Ladies' Sewing Circle, \$77.37. Total, \$242.46.

The year just closed has painfully impressed upon this Parish the truth of the fluctuating character of the population in manufacturing towns. During the year it has experienced, by their removal from town, the loss of active friends, who had been with us from the first and who were ever interested in its welfare.

Our numbers in the congregation, Sunday School, and at the Communion, have gradually increased, and the coming year will, as we believe and hope, make a large accession to our Parish.

Middlesex County.*Christ Church, Cambridge.*

THE REV. N. HOPPIN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 21, adults, 3,) total 24. Communicants: added, 25; died or removed, 8; present number, 134. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 6. Burials, 9. Sunday Scholars, 34. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$181.00; Massachusetts Board, \$25.00; Church at East Boston, \$20.00; Alms at the Holy Communion, \$163.33.

The Rector is not aware of any thing to be stated, in addition to the above particulars, in order to a comprehensive view of the state of the parish, and of his ministerial services for the past year. The Sunday services are generally well attended. The Lord grant his blessing, and enable us more abundantly to bring forth fruits of the Spirit, in acknowledgement of those infinite favors, by which he has provided for our best interests.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.

THE REV. WILLIAM P. PAGE, Officiating Minister.

This parish, I am happy to say, appears to be in a much more promising state than it has been. There is a larger attendance on the services of the Church, an increase in the number of persons connected with the parish; and the Sunday School, under the superintendence of Mr. Benj. Woodward, is doing well. And there is, among the members of the Parish, a very general confidence in its future prosperity, instead of the discouragement that not long since was by some felt. All which leads us to hope, that, with God's blessing, the parish will, at no distant day, be in a condition to sustain itself and give some little help to others.

As the salary which this Parish has hitherto been enabled to raise, has been quite inadequate to my support, I have consequently not been in circumstances to devote more than a part of my time to its interests. These undoubtedly require the undivided attention of the Pastor; and most happy should I be, to be able to give my whole attention to them.

I have not deemed it advisable to ask for the ordinary contributions for Church purposes, during the past year, inasmuch as we were but poorly able to meet our own unavoidable parish expenses. Hereafter I trust it may be different with us.

Number of baptisms the past year, 6. Marriages, 4. Burials, 6. Communicants, 42. Sunday School Scholars, about 40.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

THE REV. THEODORE EDSON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 70, adults 7,) 77. Communicants : added, 50 ; died or removed, 3 ; present number, 350. Confirmed, 38. Marriages, 21. Burials, 30. Sunday Scholars, 250. Contributions for religious purposes, \$400.

There has been procured for the church, during the past year, a new and valuable organ, and a beautiful font has been provided and set up. The Sunday Schools are in a healthy and vigorous condition. The reduction of number is by putting out of account those who attend irregularly and but seldom. Of those who are reckoned, the attendance is good, and the improvement gratifying.

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

THE REV. ANDREW CROSWELL, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 8. Communicants, reported at the last Convention, 112. Marriages, 3. Burials, 8. Sunday School Scholars, 100.

These statistics are unavoidably imperfect, and fail to present the actual condition of the Church. The records of the last year furnish no account of communicants added or removed, or of the charitable offerings.

The parish became vacant by the resignation of the Rev. H. W. Woods, in February last. Owing to the temporary interruption, the annual visitation of the Bishop was deferred. Several wait to receive the rite of confirmation ; others have been confirmed in other parishes, as favorable opportunity was presented.

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.

The undersigned officiated in this vacant, and always depressed parish, from June to October of last year, in all seven Sundays.

On occasion of the celebration of divine service in St. Paul's, the average attendance was from forty to sixty adults, beside children.

The sacrament of baptism has been administered to one infant, the Holy Communion given to nine, apparently very devout recipients.

The glebe lands belonging to this parish have been surveyed by an accomplished civil engineer, at an expense of twenty dollars. From a plan furnished by him, it appears the tract consists of one hundred and seventy-three acres. Part of this land is under cultivation, and the whole disposed of with reference to future, rather than any immediate, revenue from the same.

The income from the glebe, though small, has been carefully husbanded; so that from rents received, and other resources, it is proposed to shingle the church the present season, as also to effect some other necessary repairs.

For the two years last past, the undersigned has assumed entire control of the glebe, as attorney to the Venerable Society in England, for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, which has held this estate in trust since 1742, "for the use and benefit of a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church officiating to the people dwelling in Hopkinton, and the neighboring towns."

St. Paul's will be re-opened for public worship, (D. V.,) once a month, commencing in June next, to November ensuing.

Clerical and other services rendered this parish, by the undersigned, entirely gratuitous.

ALFRED L. BAILEY.

St. John's Church, Charleston.

THE REV. WILLIAM FLINT, Rector.

Baptisms: (adults, 2, infants 26,) total, 28. Communicants: 115; died or removed, 4; added, 15. Confirmed, 16. Marri-

ages, 16. Burials, 18. Sunday Scholars, 150; average attendance, 80.

The prospects of this Church continue encouraging. The attendance on public worship has greatly increased, while the fact that twenty-nine, in a congregation so small, have been confirmed during twelve months, speaks well for its spiritual prosperity. The Sunday School, under the management of its efficient Superintendent, aided by faithful teachers, is very prosperous, and accomplishing a great and good work. A large debt yet rests upon the church, but it has of late been much reduced, and successful efforts, it is believed, will be made this year still further to diminish it.

The Rector cannot here refrain from expressing his gratitude to the members of the congregation for their many and unexpected kindnesses to him during the past year. May they, by the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, be most amply rewarded.

Grace Church, Medford.

THE REV. JUSTIN FIELD, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 7. Burials, 4. Confirmed, 2. Communicants, 37. Contributions: Communion Offerings, \$122.13; Avails of Ladies' Fair, \$405.83, which was appropriated toward the payment of a small debt; Foreign Missions, \$20. Total, \$547.96.

Christ Church, Waltham.

THE REV. THOMAS F. FALES, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 12, adults 5,) 17. Communicants: added, 11; died or removed 6; present number, 67. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 4. Burials, 21. Sunday School: Teachers, 12; Scholars, 90. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$118.70; Massachusetts Board, \$54.69; Sunday School, for Sunday School Missions at the West, \$30. Other Contributions, \$318.61. Total, \$522.

This parish has continued to gather strength during the past

r. There has been a growing attachment to our services on part of the congregation. The Sunday School has been ely increased. The seed sown has been blessed with some sure of fruitfulness; and while much, very much, remains to done, we feel that we have many reasons for gratitude and suragement.

Norfolk County.

Christ Church, Quincy.

THE REV. JOHN A. JEROME, Rector.

aptisms, (infants, 15, adults 1,) total 16. Communicants: ed, 24; died or removed, 3; withdrawn 1. present number, 69. firmed, 3. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6. Sunday School olars, 35. Missionary Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$13.50. Massachusetts Board, \$5.00. Other Contributions, &c., \$97.21. al, \$115.71. Of the amount appropriated to Foreign Mis- s, \$3.50 was raised by the Sunday School for *China*. Of the ellaneous contributions, \$4.00 was for the Evangelical wledge Society, and \$60.50 was raised by the Ladies' Sewing le. The Circle also raised, just previous to the last Conven- , though not included in the last Report, \$203.00 for parochial poses.

took charge of this Church the first Sunday in December , it having been vacant since August, by the resignation of Rev. John T. Burrill. I found the congregation much scat- d, and the few who remained generally disheartened. Some, ever, "perplexed, but not in despair," took hold of the work esuscitating the parish. the Lord has, to some extent, blessed efforts. The attendance on the Lord's Day has been im- ring for several weeks, and a few new families have recently nected themselves with us. Owing to the limited time this rt has been in progress, perhaps I ought not to report a *per- vent improvement*, but I think it may be said that, through the ine favor, the parish is *gaining* strength.

The usual Lenten Services were (for this parish) well attended. ecture on Wednesday Evenings has been kept up for the last r months, and not without encouragement.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

THE REV. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 9, adult 1,) total, 10. Communicants: added, 15; died or removed, 7; present number, 102. Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 3. Burials, 10. Sunday School Scholars, 80. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$50.82; Diocesan, \$52.18; American Sunday School Union, \$136.10; Mission at Shanghai, (Sunday School Offering) \$10; Seamen's Mission, (Ladies' Missionary Society,) \$36.25; Destitute Churches, (Western States) \$10.00. By individuals of my parish, for Church purposes, \$200. Total, \$495.35.

St. James's Church, Roxbury.

THE REV. JOHN WAYLAND, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, 21. Marriages, 7. Burials, 8. Confirmed, 7. Sunday Scholars, from 60 to 70. Communicants: added from other Churches, 13; present number, about 130; Contributions: Communion Offerings, \$181.25; Monthly Collection for Missions and other Church objects, \$194.16; Foreign Missions, \$86; American Sunday School Union, by private individuals, \$60; Bible Society, \$12; Special Church purposes, by ladies, \$63; Collection in Sunday School, \$33.19, besides \$350 raised for an object which properly comes under benefactions of the Church. Total, \$979.60.

We are happy to report that, under the blessing of God, the state of the Church is prosperous, the attendance upon the public services gradually increasing, and a prevailing disposition to coöperate in every good work.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.

THE REV. EDMUND F. SLAFTER, Rector.

Baptisms, 2. Communicants: added 17; removed, 12; present number, 75. Confirmed, 5. Burials, 5. Catechumens, 50.

Contributions at the Offertory, \$113.13. Sunday School Offerings, for education in Africa, \$24.41. Ladies' Association, \$87. Society for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$23.50. Diocesan Missions, \$20.54 Total, \$268.58.

St. Mary's, Dorchester.

[No Report.]

St. Paul's Church, Brookline.

THE REV. JOHN S. STONE, D. D., Rector.

The new church in this parish was consecrated on Thursday, December 23d, 1852, at which time the present Rector entered on the duties of his charge. The parish records have not yet been transferred to his keeping; he is not, therefore, able to report any thing of its condition during that portion of the Conventional year which preceded the commencement of his rectorship. Since that time, the number of parishioners has steadily increased; and the parish wears the appearance of temporal and spiritual prosperity. The number of Communicants has not been, as yet, accurately ascertained. The Sunday School is small, but will naturally grow with the growth of the parish.

During the winter and spring, there have been 1 Marriage, 4 Baptisms, and 2 Burials. The Monthly Offerings of the Church, during the same period, have amounted to \$341.50.

Plymouth County.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adults 2,) total, 8. Communicants: added, 2; died or removed, 5; present number, 100. Confirmed, none. Marriages, 4. Burials, 16. Sunday School Scholars, 60. Missionary Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$40; Domestic do., in Maine, \$20; Massachusetts Board of Missions, \$28.20;

Tract Distribution, \$20.08 ; Seamen's Missions, \$12 ; American Sunday School Union, \$13 ; " Refugees Home Society," \$13 ; Other Contributions, \$36.75. Total, \$183.03.

During the Conventional Year, the parishioners have expended the sum of five hundred and twenty dollars in removing the belfry of the church, adding a new belfry and steeple, and in painting the church and parsonage. Of this amount the Dorcas Society, who are always most efficient in helping forward plans for the prosperity of the parish, contributed \$50. The amount contributed to the American Sunday School Union was from the childrens' offerings in the Sunday School.

Trinity Church, Marshfield.

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

There is no material change in the position of this parish, since the last report. An effort has been made, by a person not belonging to the congregation, to purchase the pews at a low price as a matter of speculation ; designing, if he could thus get the control of the property, to convert it to secular purposes. But the few churchmen who remain, still retain a controlling influence ; and, although favored with only occasional services, continue their organization as a parish, and are not at present disposed to see the house of God devoted to a house of merchandize. There are seven communicants.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

THE REV. ASA EATON, D. D., Rector.

Since the last Convention, divine service has been celebrated on fourteen Sundays, by two presbyters of the Church. During the remainder of the year, the service has been performed by a layman. Baptisms, (3 infants, 1 adult,) 4. Confirmed, 1. Burials, 2. Communicants, 14. The Wardens and Vestry are still desirous to obtain the services of a resident Rector.

Christ Church, Plymouth.

THE REV. BENJAMIN B. BABBITT, Rector.

ptisms, infants, 3. Communicants : added, 6 ; died or removed, 1. Baptisms, 1. Confirmations, 4. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday Scholars, 14. Contributions : Communion Alms, 25.

This year has encouraged us with many signs of spiritual health. Some have been confirmed, and quite a number, who applied for confirmation in Plymouth, have been confirmed here. There has been and still is a better spirit prevailing throughout the community. The attention of many has been directed to religion. Some have been "looking for the Church." In most cases, however, the opposition of inveterate prejudices prevented any more practical results, than the mere expression of favorable regard for the Church.

There are, moreover, in the neighboring town of Kingston, many indications of a favorable opening for the Church, at a not very distant day. No less than four have been confirmed this year, or applied for confirmation, from this place.

The attendance on the church has this year rather fallen off. The average has been about 40 in the morning, and 52 in the noon.

It cannot be expected that this parish will succeed, unless it is aided with more vigor by the Church, in holding up the hands of the missionary, and in the increase of his salary. The Parish themselves are unwilling to proceed any further without an entire change in this respect. They hereby appeal to the Church at large, to say that they will *do all* that is necessary for the vigorous prosecution of the work, or else to say expressly, that they do nothing.

Circumstances have forced the Rector of the Parish to leave his post at least for the coming summer. He has resigned his office as missionary, and in the end, may resign all connection with the parish. He is not discouraged with the work. Against his will he is forced to the course now announced. To the

Church he says, that the only true policy, with regard to Plymouth, is to go right on, and *with vigor*, build up this feeble parish, or else be content to see the labor of the past thrown away. But if the course is to be a resort to half-way measures, then the friends of the Parish in Plymouth will be discouraged, and the Church, in this ancient town, will receive an injury which will not be removed for a whole generation.

Bristol County.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

THE REV. THEODORE W. SNOW, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 24, adults, 2.) total, 26. Communicants: added, 21; died or removed, 32; present number, 131. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 6. Burials, 11. Sunday School Scholars, 155. Missionary Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$65; Domestic Missions, \$26.60; Diocesan Missions, \$79.40. American Sunday School Union, \$100. Church building and furnishing, \$450. Alms at the Offertory, \$113.44. Other Charities, \$140. Subscriptions for extra-parochial objects, \$750. Total, \$1724.44.

During the past year, removals and death have carried off an unprecedented number of our Communicants, and, after a careful examination of our list, fifteen names have been erased of persons who cannot be considered as amongst our number, though they have not, since their removal from the town, given any notice to the Rector that they have withdrawn their relations to St. Thomas's. The places of those who have gone, however, are rapidly filling up, and the parish may be regarded as in its usual healthy and vigorous condition.

Of the amount above reported, \$95 were contributed by the Sunday School; \$45 being for the support of Scholarships in Africa and China, and \$50 for the American Sunday School Union. The Library of the school has been thoroughly rearranged, and an addition of a hundred volumes has been made, giving us a catalogue of five hundred volumes.

Grace Church, New Bedford.

THE REV. C. W. HOMER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 16, adults 1,) total 16. Communicants : added, 19 ; died or removed, 5 ; present number, 92 ; Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 4. Burials, 7. Sunday School Scholars, 70.

The present state of the parish is encouraging. Attendance on Sunday Services appears to be on the increase. We have sold the church which we at present occupy, from the necessity of the case, and are about commencing a new stone church, capable of seating 450 persons. Plans by Wills & Dudley, of New York.

Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

THE REV. E. M. PORTER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 27, adults 2,) total, 29. Communicants : added, 12 ; died or removed, 9 ; present number, 72. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 14. Burials, 20. Sunday Scholars, 125. Contributions : Communion Offerings, \$41.95 ; Diocesan Missions, \$10 ; Other religious purposes, \$135.

The state of this parish continues prosperous. Numerous changes, by death and removal, however, have occurred, and by removal further changes are contemplated. A chief drawback on the constant growth of a parish, circumstanced as this is, is the frequent changes in the population. The burden of support is therefore quite varying, and at times, disproportioned upon those who are permanently established here in business. The parish, notwithstanding, has increased in numbers and strength during the year, and soon, it is believed, will become entirely self-supporting. But few pews in the church remain unrented. The church has recently been fitted up with gas-lights at a cost of \$100.

The increase of business in this large and growing town, bringing in numbers attached to our Church from abroad, renders the need greater, from year to year, of a Protestant Episcopal Church in Fall River. For the past we bless God, for the future

take courage. May the "Lord of the Harvest" grant that the liberality of many friends of the parish be not, in coming years, disappointed!

Christ Church, Swansea.

[No Report.]

Trinity Church, Pawtucket.

THE REV. GEORGE F. CUSHMAN, Officiating Minister.

Baptisms, (infants 9, adults 3,) 12. Communicants: added, 7; died or removed, 5; present number, 42. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 3. Burials, 4. Sunday School Scholars, 60. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$3.45. Other Contributions: Communion Alms, \$16.98; Sunday School, \$10; Collection, \$55. Total, \$81.98.

The above statistics present a very imperfect view of the state of the parish. Worshipping as we do in the Town Hall, our congregation and our Sunday School are fluctuating and irregular, rendering it difficult to tell who are of us, or who not. The effort *so long protracted* to build a church has had a discouraging effect, and we cannot report as large a congregation as we had twelve months ago.

The contributions reported bear a very small proportion to the sums given for Church objects. Since July last, at which time the Bishop laid the corner stone, the Parish has been engaged in the construction of a church; and, in addition to the sums raised for that purpose, they have otherwise made liberal contributions towards purchasing an organ and other things convenient to the reverent worship of God.

It is trusted that the church, which is of rough stone, and of the pointed order, will be ready for consecration in the summer.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle have continued their labors and have raised about \$100. To the Superintendent and the few teachers whose zeal has sustained the Sunday School, the minister and congregation are very largely indebted.

Nantucket County.*St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.*

THE REV. ETHAN ALLEN, Rector.

Baptisms, (children 12.) Mariages, 5. Burials, 3. Communicants: added, 2; died, 1; removed 2. Collections: Massachusetts Board, \$5; Sunday Collections, \$60; Communion Alms, \$20.77; For Sunday School Books, Papers and Tracts, \$15.50; Other purposes, \$27.

The affairs of this Church in general remain much as in preceding years. The Sunday School continues as usual, and the Ladies' Sewing Circle are still engaged in their benevolent labors. The evils of dissension, it is to be hoped, are dying out, and will ere long be extinct. This is a circumstance of encouragement which we have long needed, and the absence of which has greatly retarded our growth.

Worcester County.*St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.*

THE REV. DANIEL L. B. GOODWIN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 3, adult 1,) 4. Communicants; added 4; died or removed, 4; present number, 64. Confirmed, 3. Mariages, 6. Burials, 10. Sunday School Scholars, 40. Contributions: General Board, \$19; American Sunday School Union, \$9.53; Bishop Chase's Monument, \$8.

The state of this parish is, in all respects, one of decline. Many of its former friends are either dead or removed, and the tenements are now chiefly occupied by people who have no interest in the Church.

All Saints' Church, Worcester.

THE REV. ARCHIBALD M. MORRISON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 4, adults 0,) Communicants: added, 10; died or removed, 21; present number, 50. Confirmed, 0. Mar-

riages, 1. Burials, 5. Sunday School Scholars, 35. Missionary Contributions, 00. Other Contributions for religious purposes: Organ, \$600; Offertory, \$19.82½. Total, \$619.82½.

The present Rector entered upon his duties in connection with this Parish on the 1st December, 1852. Since that time, the Report is as above. No record of confirmation in 1852 can be found. The largest loss of communicants has been by removal. The number added, and the present actual number, cannot be *accurately* ascertained as yet; probably as above. The Sunday School has pledged itself to the support of a child in connection with the African Mission. Each child contributes a fixed weekly amount according to its ability. The gross yearly amount at our present number and rates will be about \$35 or \$40. The old organ, upon which only part payment had been made, was claimed by the owner early this year and removed. Exertion was immediately made, and \$600 was raised, and a new one, superior to the old, and free from incumbrance procured.

The subscriber sees no real reason for discouragement; a more lively feeling of interest appears to be awakening in the parish, and our Church, though at present but small and weak here, will probably grow by degrees. "Time, pains-taking, and the grace of Christ" will do wonders.

Christ Church, Clappville.

THE REV. JOHN H. ROUSE, Rector,

Baptisms, infants, 8. Communicants: added, 2; died or removed, 1; present number, 40. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. Sunday School Teachers, 5. Scholars, about 40. Charitable contributions, about \$125.

The condition of this parish has not materially changed since my last Annual Report. Outwardly, the Parish may be said, perhaps, to be prosperous. All their pecuniary transactions—at least with their Rector—are marked with liberality and promptness. At the same time, I grieve to say, there is a great lack of zeal and interest in spiritual things. This I think may be ascribed to the great fluctuations and constant changes which seem to be

peculiar degree to characterize the people of this neighborhood. With few exceptions—and these consisting of a small number in the vicinity engaged in agriculture, and some three or four valuable families that are permanently located, and on whom is placed our main dependence, the great bulk of the population—operatives in the mills—are foreigners, and nearly four-fifths of these are Romanists. Hence the proportion of the people of the village which the gospel can be made to reach is extremely small. But the most we can do, is, what we have already done, and are now doing—to use the means of grace as God has given us the ability, and leave the event with Him who alone can give the increase.

St. John's Church, Millville.

THE REV. SPENCER M. RICE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 4, adults 4,) total, 8. Families, 55. Communicants, 54. Confirmed, 20. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. Sunday School Teachers, 9. Scholars, 40. Collections for Sunday School purposes, \$31.60. For Prayer Books within the parish, \$26.27. Offertory, \$102.11. Collected in the parish for other purposes, \$188.96.

This parish has also received in donations from its friends from abroad about \$330, and one of its members is now engaged in procuring a Font, which is to be a gift to the Church.

By comparing the report of the present with the report of last year, those interested will observe that this parish has been prospered and has grown, almost without example in the history of new and similarly situated parishes. Without numbering the removals, the number of Communicants and also the number of families, have more than doubled. The amount of money raised for purposes of charity, has increased *five fold*. The seats of the church are *all* rented, and usually well filled.

The *effect* of the establishment of Church Services in this place, has been very great and salutary, and is very generally remarked by all who are acquainted with the present and past of its history. The expectations which the Commissioners for Church Extension were taught to entertain, when their encouragement of this work

was solicited, have been much more than fulfilled in the rapid growth of the Church, in the better state of morals to be observed, in the appropriate keeping of the Sabbath Day, in the general increase of religious sentiment, in the instruction of children, and in the turning of men to God.

The gentleman who, in the hand of God, was the original instrument of projecting and carrying forward this work, is now making arrangements for completing and further furnishing and fencing the church at an additional expense of about \$1500, after which it will be ready for consecration so soon as the small balance yet remaining on the old debt can be raised, a debt, which, during the past year, has been reduced from \$1400 to about \$700. The present Rector has been in charge of this parish about 11 months; and has been greatly assisted in his duties by the efficient and welcome labors of the Rev. Edward De Zeng, of Connecticut.

Hampden County.

Christ Church, Springfield.

THE REV. WILLIAM S. CHILD, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 12, infants 27,) 39. Marriages, 15. Burials, 15. Confirmed, 26. Communicants: added, 31; died, 4; present number about 150. Sunday School: Teachers, 18; Scholars, about 80. Charities and Gifts: Foreign Missions, \$39.33; Domestic Missions, \$123.16; Nashotah, \$29; Mr. Breck's Indian Mission, \$29; Trinity Church, Pawtucket, \$30; The Parish Sunday School and Episcopal Sunday School Union, \$76.21; Parish Depository of Tracts, Church Books, &c., \$17.30; Sunday School Collections, \$22.12; Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$26.44; New York Prayer Book and Bible Society, \$5; Protestant Episcopal Tract Society, \$5; Ladies' Sewing Circle, \$55; Communion Aids, \$191.16; To the Rector for the introducing of gas into the Rectory, &c., \$205.88; Other objects, \$100. Total, \$854.69.

Hampshire County.

St. John's Church, Northampton.

THE REV. JOHN P. HUBBARD, Rector.

During the period I have had charge of this Parish, a little less than six months, there have been two baptisms, 1 adult and 1 infant, 1 confirmed, 3 marriages, 1 burial.

Our collections in the Church and Sunday School have been as follows: At Communion, \$23.97; For American Sunday School Union, \$98; For the same, from Sunday School, \$10; For Domestic Missions, \$19.43; For Foreign Missions, \$35.53; For do. from Sunday School, \$18.24. Total, \$205.17.

In addition to this sum our Ladies' Sewing Society have undertaken to support a missionary of the American Sunday School Union in the West, as soon as their funds shall accumulate sufficiently; and we have taken up a subscription towards altering and repairing our church, which will amount to about \$90 or \$100.

Franklin County.

St. James's Church, Greenfield.

THE REV. TITUS STRONG, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 13, adults 4,) 17. Communicants: added, 5; died, or removed, 9; present number, 72. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 3. Burials, 9. Sunday School Scholars, 50. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$40.

Nothing of peculiar interest has transpired in this parish during the past year, to require in this Report, any special remarks.

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

[No Report.]

Berkshire County.*St. Luke's Church Lanesborough.*

THE REV. S. BRENTON SHAW, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 3, adults 1,) 4. Communicants : added, 4 ; removed or died, 3 ; present number, 68. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 5. Burials, 8. Sunday Scholars, 70. Missionary and other contributions for religious purposes, \$103.25.

This church, located in a small town, annually sends forth more than its share to populate the Western and Southern portions of our land. Notwithstanding this drain, its numbers are not materially diminished, its services are well attended and sustained, and its spiritual and financial condition as prosperous as at any former period of its history. The location of the church, one mile from the Central Village, is becoming yearly more prejudicial to its interests, and the time cannot be far distant, when its removal will become necessary, or the erection of another edifice for alternate services.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

THE REV. ROBERT J. PARVIN, Rector.

Whole number of parishioners about 350. Baptisms, (infants 9, adults 5,) 14. Confirmed, 4. Communicants : added, 7 ; removed, 6 ; present number, 91. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3. Sunday School : Scholars, 60 ; Teachers, 6 ; Catechized "openly in the church," monthly. Contributions : Communion Alms, \$42.82 ; to Domestic Missions, \$42.21 ; Special Missionary Contribution, \$12 ; to Foreign Missions, \$55 ; to Diocesan do., \$30 ; For Prayer Books and Tracts, \$15.64 ; to American Bible Society, (through Berkshire Co. Society,) \$67.61 ; Diocesan Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$15 ; Christmas Offering of the children for a Baptismal Font, \$70 ; Sunday School contribution to Missions in the West, through the American Sunday School Union, \$20. Total, \$370.28.

My connection with the Parish as its Rector commenced on the 1st of August last. In last year's Report the number of Commu-

nicants, is set down as 100. After a thorough canvassing of the Parish, I can find but 90, and so report accordingly. The parish is free from debt. The pews in the church, with but two exceptions, are all rented. The Church services are well attended.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

THE REV. JOHN WOART, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 5, children 19,) 24. Confirmed, 6. Communicants: added, 14, six of whom were by transfer; died, 3; present number, 134. Marriages, 7. Funerals, 11. Communion Alms, \$51.55. Monthly Missionary Offerings, \$66.38. Contributed towards the commencement of a Rector's Library, \$30. Total, \$147.93.

The ladies of the parish have raised during the past year \$325 to aid in furnishing a new church, should one be erected.

The Sunday School is conducted by the Rector, with the aid of teachers.

Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.

THE REV. LEWIS GREEN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 4, adults 1,) 5. Communicants: added 3; died or removed, 5; present number, 40. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6. Sunday School Scholars, 20. Missionary Contributions: General Board Foreign Missions, \$6.17; Domestic, do., \$3.53; Massachusetts Board, \$6; Communion Offerings, \$18.17. Total, \$33.87.

The Parish has lost by the removal of some valuable families, but by increased exertions on the part of others, the pecuniary portion of this loss has been nearly made good. To supply the remainder is more difficult. The Church here is important, not only as a witness to the truth of the Gospel, but also to supply the means of grace to an otherwise destitute community, and some families of attached churchmen. St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain, should have been mentioned last year as having contributed \$25 toward our parsonage. There is still a debt of about \$125 on this building, which it is hoped may soon be defrayed through the

efforts of Mr. Eber Stone, the Senior Warden, who has been indefatigable in his exertions to secure a parsonage to the Parish, and to advance the general interests of the Church.

St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.

THE REV. H. S. ATTWATER, Rector.

Baptisms, none. Communicants: added, 2; removed, 1; present number, 15. Confirmed, none. Marriages, 1, (at Otis.) Burials, 3. Sunday Scholars, 15. Contributions to Diocesan Missions, \$3.67. Diocesan Fund, \$1. Bible and Prayer Book Society, New York, \$1.

At the commencement of the last parochial year, an effort was made to sustain services at New Boston the whole time. Several individuals doubled the amount of their former contributions, and others who had heretofore given nothing, contributed their aid.

We also hoped for increased missionary aid. Relying on these indications, and trusting in God, the Rector entered upon his duties, confining his services to this parish, and continued to the middle of November. When, finding the Missionary Board could allow us but \$50, one third of what we had formerly received, and some unfavorable circumstances having operated to prevent as large an amount being raised in the parish as was hoped, it became evident the rector could not be supported.

With the approbation of the vestry, he then accepted an invitation to officiate in the diocese of New York, till the ensuing Easter. The second Sunday after Easter, he returned to New Boston, and resumed his former labors among this neglected population.

Though this parish presents many features which must powerfully enlist the feelings, and call for the prayers, of every true follower of the Saviour, yet it is plain, that if the blessed Gospel is still to be preached in its purity among these hills, and the light of salvation ever to disperse the darkness of infidelity and indifference which is fast settling down upon them, it *must* be sent and sustained by the more favored parishes of this diocese. Those who love the truth as it is in Jesus, and who will give ac-

according to their means, and beyond their means, to secure for themselves and families the preaching of the gospel, are too few in number, and too poor to pay the *necessary* support of a Clergyman, without liberal and continued aid from abroad.

It now remains for the Church to say whether she will imitate the example and imbibe the spirit of the Saviour, and preach His Gospel "to the poor," or only to those who give in return the gold and silver and popularity of this world.

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

THE REV. WILLIAM B. COLBURN, Deacon, Minister.

Families, 60. Baptisms, none. Communicants: removed, 1; added, 1; present number, 25. Burials, 1. Sunday Scholars, 72.

The prospects of this Parish are more encouraging than they have been for a long time. Many who previously had "followed not with us," have recently united with it, and manifest a deep interest in the solemn services of the Church. The congregation is large. The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition, and we have reason to hope that, with the divine blessing, the Church in Otis will attain a degree of strength, which it has not yet known.

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

THE REV. THOMAS R. PYNCHON, Rector.

Baptisms, infants 4. Communicants: added, 4; died, 1; present number, 45. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday Scholars, 22. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$8.

This Parish has acquired a decided increase in strength during the past year. It is on the whole in a flourishing state, and its prospects are encouraging.

Trinity Church, Lenox.

THE REV. THOMAS R. PYNCHON, Rector.

Baptisms, infants 8. Communicants: died, 1; present number, 20. Burials, 1. Sunday Scholars, 18.

During the past year the Parish Church has been refitted in the interior at an expense of \$250. This money was raised chiefly by the exertions of a few of the ladies. Since the re-opening, December 19, 1852, the congregations have been much larger than before. In summer the church is always well filled. Average attendance during the winter 80. The future prospects of the Parish are very good.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

In pursuance of Canon VIII., Section 1, 1832, the undersigned respectfully reports :—

Through the Conventional Year now closing, he has officiated every Sunday, two excepted. On one of which he was in attendance at the funeral of the late, lamented Bishop Henshaw, in Providence, R. I. The other Sunday there was no call for his services.

From December to June, the undersigned supplied vacancies occurring in the parishes of Boston, and the immediate vicinity.

During the remaining portions of the year, his labors have extended to more distant places from his summer residence, at Newton, Lower Falls; and in the discharge of gratuitous missionary services.

Seven Sundays have been devoted to the vacant parish of St. Paul's, Hopkinton. A notice of the same is contained in the parochial report of that feeble parish herewith submitted.

Early in the summer of the past year, the undersigned officiated at Southborough, in the county of Worcester.

This was probably the first service ever held by a clergyman of the Church, in that town.

Being originally settled by Congregationalists, and offering no peculiar advantages for persons from abroad to locate themselves here, no members of the Church are known to reside in Southborough, with the exception of individual members of one family, who, during their residence some few years since in Boston, conformed to the Church.

At their instance, the undersigned celebrated divine service in this town on the thirteenth Sunday after Trinity last past. The Unitarian Meeting House, long vacant, was kindly offered for the occasion. The day being favorable, the congregation in attendance was estimated at two hundred persons. The responses were well sustained, and the sermons listened to as by those who had ears to hear.

After an interval of some weeks, the undersigned passed a *second* Sunday in Southborough. With satisfaction he learned, that the impression seemed to prevail among several respectable individuals, that the introduction of the Church, in their town, would be attended with the most beneficial results to themselves and their children.

Seventy copies of the Book of Common Prayer, beside a variety of tracts upon the government, discipline, and worship of the Church, have been gratuitously distributed through the town.

The present prospect is, a church will soon be built in Southborough; and divine service sustained by a people, whose ecclesiastical history, in years past, demonstrates that Episcopacy and the Liturgy, through the divine blessing, are the most effectual preservatives from the sins of heresy and schism.

Beside officiating through the year, on Sundays and other holy days, the undersigned has also read prayers and lectured on several week day occasions. He has baptized five children, attended two funerals, and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or assisted at the same, on eleven distinct occasions of public worship.

ALFRED L. BAURY.

*To the Right Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts: }*

The undersigned respectfully reports that during the last conventional year, owing to great physical prostration, the effect of excessive labors while officiating as Chaplain at the House of Correction in this city, he has been able to do but little for the honor of God, for the good of the Church, or for the salvation of the souls of his fellow men. This to him has been a source of very painful regret, yet he hopes to bow with reverent and un-

complaining submission to the merited chastenings of Divine Providence.

"All evils natural are moral goods ;
All discipline indulgence, on the whole."

During the year he has preached only 14 times ; Baptised 1 infant, and officiated at 2 burials. SHIPLEY WELLS WILLSON.
South Boston, May 17, 1853.

*To the Right Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of Massachusetts.*

The undersigned respectfully reports, that since the last convention he has continued to officiate regularly at the Naval Chapel, Charlestown, twice every Sunday, and administered the Holy Communion the first Sunday in each month.

Baptisms, 6. Communicants, 20. Burials, 2. Marriages, 2.
THOMAS R. LAMBERT, Chaplain U. S. Navy.

Boston, May 18, 1853.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

Immediately after my Report to you of last year, my health was such that for three or four months I was able to discharge my official duties, and to preach frequently. During that time I baptized three children, and officiated at one funeral. But for the last six months I have been entirely prevented from performing any ministerial duty, from continued and severe indisposition.

GEORGE C. SHEPARD.

Washington, D. C., May 12th, 1853.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

I respectfully report that, since the last Convention, I have continued to be attached to this naval station, and that I have regularly officiated on Sundays, (as during the year preceding,) in the morning at the Navy Yard, and in the afternoon at the Hospital. During the week, a portion of my time is occupied in visiting sick and disabled seamen in the Hospital.

Baptisms, 5. Marriage, 1. Burials, 10.

In addition to these duties, I have performed divine service and preached several times, in different churches, and have assisted once in the administration of the Holy Communion.

M. B. CHASE, *Chaplain U. S. Navy.*

Navy Yard, New York, May 17th, 1853.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

I relinquished the charge of St. John's Church, Northampton, immediately after the last Annual Convention. During the summer I officiated occasionally in St. John's Church, Northampton ; St. James's Church, Greenfield ; Christ Church, Springfield ; St. Mark's Church, Boston ; St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, and St. Paul's and St. John's Chapels, New York.

I officiated for the parish of St. Paul's Church, Brookline, during about three months previous to the consecration of that church in December last.

From the 23d of January to the present time, I have officiated regularly in Grace Church, Providence, vacant by the death of the lamented Bishop Henshaw.

During the past year, I have read prayers 78 times, and assisted in the service 5 times ; preached 81 times ; administered the Holy Communion 14 times ; baptized 3 children ; attended 5 funerals, and solemnized 1 marriage.

HENRY BURROUGHS, JR.

Boston, May 18, 1853.

To the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

During the past Conventional Year, the undersigned has performed occasional services for his brethren who desired them, in and around the city of Boston. He has baptized 2 infants ; solemnized 1 marriage, and assisted at communion often. He has also officiated in Southern Virginia, during a recent residence in that region in search of health.

WILLIAM ALFRED JENKS.

East Boston, May 18, 1853.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

Since the last Convention I have been officiating in St. Paul's, Windham, Ct., my present place of residence.

S. J. HORTON.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

I report to my Bishop that, after my resignation of St. John's, Millville, at Easter, 1852, I passed three months at Medford, temporarily supplying the Parish, and the next three months at Worcester in the same engagements. The last half of the year I have passed in Boston, as assistant to the Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D. D., at St. Stephen's Chapel. I have officiated on every Sunday of the year except two. The baptisms and other ministerial acts performed by me are enrolled in the record of each parish.

JOHN W. BIRCHMORE, *Residing in Boston.*

To the Right Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts. }

The subscriber respectfully reports, that in the past Convention-al year, he has officiated for such vacant parishes as requested his assistance, and for those of his brethren in the ministry who applied to him for his services.

F. A. FOXCROFT.

Boston, May 16, 1853.

To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of Massachusetts. }

At present, I have to report, that I have been constantly employed in my duties in this Institution, which confine me closely. I have still been able to serve the church in its infant condition in this State. During the sickness and death of the Rev. Flavel J. Mines, Rector of Trinity Church, I supplied the pulpit of that church alone more than seven months, and attended him during all his protracted illness, weekly administering the communion to him for a long period. I have often officiated for Grace Church, in this city, and have preached four times in Stockton and Sacramento. The Church advances slowly in California, chiefly for lack of a Missionary Bishop. I sincerely hope that want will be supplied at the next Convention of the Church in the United States. We have but two Parish Rectors, but with a Missionary Bishop, many churches might speedily be established. A *devoted Missionary Bishop* we want, and doubtless, three years from next autumn, this diocese may be received into union with the Church in the United States, in a highly flourishing condition. Other denominations of Christians are making rapid progress.

ORANGE CLARK.

United States Marine Hospital, }
San Francisco, May 11, 1853. }

Abstract of Parochial Reports.

MAY, 1853.

Towns.	Churches.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Scholars.
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.				
Abury	St. James's	B. Austin,	4	....	4	7	7	48	2	2	2	50
Over	Christ	S. Fuller, D. D.	15	2	17	9	14	80	3	3	9	75
Field	St. John's*	C. Cleveland,	....	....	....	....	....	127	....	....	....	125
	Trinity	M. Eastburn, D. D.	23	....	23	....	....	360	8	17	19	130
	Christ	J. C. Smith	50	2	52	....	....	89	5	33	38	113
	St. Matthew's	W. T. Smithett	37	1	38	22	12	78	14	25	36	100
	St. Paul's	J. H. Clinch	6	4	10	28	7	341	15	13	13	170
	Grace	A. H. Vinton, D. D.	17	3	20	30	27	200	14	11	5	135
	Messiah	C. Mason	31	5	36	50	32	246	23	14	15	220
	St. John's	G. M. Randall	25	1	26	6	4	48	2	4	11	70
	Vacant	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	Advent	H. Southgate, D. D.	46	12	58	79	12	310	....	10	20	100
	St. Mark's	M. P. Stickney,	17	....	17	16	....	41	....	3	11	67
	St. Stephen's	P. H. Greenleaf	84	....	84	....	....	200	12	35	38	80
	Seamen's Chapel	E. M. P. Wells, D.D.	4	....	4	....	....	12	1	3	4	....
	Trinity	C. Wiltberger	3	1	4	....	....	14	1	....	....	....
	St. Paul's	Assa Eaton, D. D.	4	....	4	....	....	140	....	1	2	130
	Christ	J. S. Stone, D. D.,	21	3	24	25	8	134	7	6	9	34
	St. Peter's	N. Hoppla	6	....	6	....	....	42	4	4	6	40
	St. John's	W. P. Page	26	2	28	15	4	115	16	16	18	150
	St. Luke's	W. Flint	11	....	11	6	8	49	6	6	4	48
	Christ	W. S. Bartlett	8	....	8	2	1	40	....	2	4	40
	St. Paul's	J. H. Rouse	9	1	10	15	7	102	11	3	10	80
	St. Mary's*	S. B. Babcock	....	....	....	....	....	160	....	....	....	....
	Vacant	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	Ascension	E. M. Porter	27	2	29	12	9	72	6	14	20	125
	St. James's	J. Woart	19	5	24	14	3	134	6	7	11	150
	St. James's	T. Strong, D. D.	13	4	17	5	9	72	2	3	9	60
	St. Andrew's	S. Cutler	6	2	8	2	5	100	....	4	16	60
	St. Paul's	Vacant	1	....	1	....	....	9	....	....	....	....
	St. Luke's	S. B. Shaw	3	1	4	4	3	68	3	5	8	70
	Grace	G. Packard	17	3	20	25	15	92	6	9	12	87
	Trinity	T. R. Pynchon	8	....	8	....	....	1	....	....	....	....
	St. Anne's	T. Edson, D. D.	70	7	77	50	3	350	38	21	30	250
	St. Stephen's	I. W. Hallam	5	1	6	13	6	49	6	4	6	40
	St. Michael's	J. B. Richmond	8	....	8	9	1	84	5	1	5	73
	Trinity	S. Cutler	....	....	....	....	....	7	....	....	....	....
	Grace	J. Field	7	....	7	....	....	37	2	....	4	....
	St. John's	S. M. Rice	4	4	8	....	....	54	20	2	4	40
	St. Paul's	E. Allen	12	....	12	2	3	44	....	2	3	....
	Grace	C. W. Homer,	15	1	16	19	5	92	10	4	7	70
	St. Paul's	Vacant	13	....	13	....	....	100	3	10	24	....
	St. Andrew's	H. S. Attwater	....	....	....	2	1	15	....	1	3	15
	St. Mary's	A. Crosswell	8	....	8	....	....	112	....	3	8	100
	St. John's	J. P. Hubbard	1	1	2	....	....	175	1	3	1	140
	St. Paul's	W. B. Colburn	....	....	....	1	1	25	....	....	1	72
	Trinity	G. F. Cushman	9	3	12	7	5	42	7	3	4	60
	Christ	B. B. Babbitt	3	....	3	6	3	27	4	1	1	14
	St. Stephen's	R. J. Parvin	9	5	14	7	6	91	4	1	3	60
	Christ	J. A. Jerome	15	1	16	24	4	69	3	3	6	35
	St. James's	J. Wayland, D. D.	21	....	21	13	....	130	7	7	8	65
	St. John's	E. F. Slafter	2	....	2	17	12	75	5	....	5	50
	St. Peter's	W. Horton	27	4	31	....	....	240	10	9	16	150
	Christ	W. S. Child	27	12	39	31	4	150	26	15	15	80
	St. Paul's	T. R. Pynchon,	4	....	4	4	1	45	5	1	1	22
	Christ*	W. Withington	....	....	....	....	....	112	....	....	....	125
	St. Thomas's	T. W. Snow	24	2	26	21	32	131	7	6	11	155
	Trinity	L. Green	4	1	5	3	5	40	....	3	6	20
	Christ	T. F. Fales	12	5	17	11	6	67	7	4	21	90
	St. John's	D. L. B. Goodwin	3	1	4	4	4	64	3	6	10	40
	All Saints'	A. M. Morrison	4	....	4	10	21	50	....	1	5	35
	St. T. Burrill	J. T. Burrill	13	....	13	....	....	....	....	5	6	....
	T. R. Lambert	T. R. Lambert	6	....	6	....	....	20	....	2	2	....
	J. P. Robinson,	J. P. Robinson,	15	2	17	....	....	69	13	7	22	....
			882	104	986	696	311	5609	349	378	501	3618

*No Report.

† Number last reported.

Church

The Rev. _____ *Rector.*

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MAY, 1853.

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1852.		
June 17.	Rev. J. H. Clinch, copying Journal of 1852,	\$11 45
1853.		
May 18.	Rev. G. Packard, expenses in attending two ecclesiastical trials,	16 82
19.	Rev. T. R. Pyncheon, expenses connected with attending one of the above trials,	15 00
"	Rev. S. B. Shaw, attending the same,	12 00
"	George M. Browne, fees and services as legal counsellor in the above trials,	100 00
"	Travelling expenses of Rev. T. R. Pyncheon,	10 00
"	" " " " S. B. Shaw,	10 00
"	" " " " H. S. Attwater,	10 00
"	" " " " J. H. Rouse,	6 00
"	" " " " T. Strong,	7 00
"	" " " " E. Allen,	10 00
"	" " " " L. Green,	10 00
"	" " " " R. J. Parvin,	9 00
"	Richard Dillon, attendance on Convention,	5 00
"	Rev. J. H. Clinch, salary as Secretary of Convention,	25 00
June 8.	Printing bills and circulars, stationary, postage, &c.,	- 8 50
	Balance to new Account,	
		\$265 77 88 01 \$353 78

The Treasury is in debt for printing the Journal of 1852, and copies of the Canon recently under discussion, and will soon be called on for the assessment of the approaching General Convention, on this Diocese, as also for the allowance made for expenses of the clerical delegates to the same, making an indebtedness of about \$350, to meet which there is on hand the amount stated above.

Up to date of closing the above account, the following parishes have failed to comply with the Canon of 1828, amended 1849, by the non-payment of the assessment for 1853:—St. James's, Amesbury; St. John's, East Boston; St. Mark's, Boston; Trinity, Bridgewater; St. Paul's, Brookline; St. James's, Great Barrington; St. Stephen's, Lynn; St. Michael's, Marblehead; Grace, New Bedford; St. John's, Northampton; St. Paul's, Otis; Trinity, Pawtucket.

The following parishes are still in arrears for 1852 :—St. James's, Amesbury; Trinity, Bridgewater; St. Stephen's, Lynn; St. Michael's, Marblehead; St. John's, Northampton; Trinity, Pawtucket; St. Mary's, Dorchester; Christ Church, Quincy; Christ Church, Swansea.

THEODORE W. SNOW, Treasurer.

Appendix.

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n account with T. W. SNOW, Treasurer.

CR.

1852.	By balance of cash from last year's account,	\$21 28
June 25.	Christ Church, Springfield, assessment, 1852, (omitted,)	10 00
1853.		
May 18.	St. James's, Greenfield,	4 00
"	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield,	10 00
"	St. Andrew's, New Boston,	1 00
"	Christ Church, Clappville,	5 00
"	Grace, Boston,	15 00
"	St. Peter's, Cambridgeport,	5 00
"	St. Paul's, Newburyport,	8 00
"	St. John's, Charlestown,	10 00
"	St. John's, Wilkinsonville,	3 00
"	St. James's, Roxbury,	12 00
"	St. Paul's, Stockbridge,	3 00
19	St. Paul's, Lanesborough,	5 00
"	Christ Church, Quiney,	5 00
"	St. John's, Millville,	5 00
"	St. Peter's, Salem,	10 00
"	Christ Church, Waltham,	7 00
"	Church of the Messiah, Boston,	10 00
"	Christ Church, Springfield,	10 00
"	All Saints', Worcester,	5 00
"	St. Andrew's, Hanover,	6 00
"	St. Luke's, Chelsea,	3 00
"	Christ Church, Cambridge,	8 00
"	St. Paul's, Nantucket,	1 00
"	Christ Church, Andover,	7 00
"	St. Paul's, Boston,	35 00
"	Christ Church, Swansea,	3 00
"	Grace, Lawrence,	8 00
"	Trinity, Vandeusenville,	3 00
"	St. John's, Ashfield,	3 00
"	St. Paul's, Dedham,	9 00
"	Ascension, Fall River,	5 00
"	Trinity, Boston,	30 00
"	St. Mary's, Dorchester,	3 00
"	St. Matthew's, South Boston,	7 50
June 2.	St. Anne's, Lowell,	14 00
"	St. John's, Jamaica Plains,	8 00
"	Church of the Advent, Boston,	20 00
8	St. Thomas's, Taunton,	12 00
"	Christ Church, Plymouth, for this year, and an ar- rearage for 1852,	4 00
		<hr/> \$353 78 <hr/>

Dr. SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

1852.		
May 31.	To amount paid widow of the late Rev. Wm. Croswell, D. D., guardian,.....	\$25 00
1853.		
Jan. 12.	To amount deposited in Provident Institution for Savings,.....	150 00
March 30.	To amount deposited in Provident Institution for Savings,.....	100 00
May 14,	To amount paid widow of the late Rev. Wm. Croswell, D. D.,.....	25 00
" "	To amount paid do., do., do., guardian of Mary Croswell,.....	25 00
" "	To amount of postage paid on circulars, &c.,....	1 50
" 18.	To amount deposited in Suffolk Savings Bank,...	584 00
" "	To amount deposited in Provident Inst. for Savings,	40 00
" "	To amount uninvested,.....	129 02
		\$1079 52

ALFRED L. BAURY, *Treasurer.**Boston, May 18, 1853. (Errors excepted.)*

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in account with ALFRED L. BAURY, *Treasurer.*

CR.

1852.		
May 20.	By amount of uninvested capital,	\$149 29
1853.		
Feb. 3.	From Rev. Dr. Eaton, for membership, \$1; annual subscription, \$10,	11 00
" 23.	From Church of the Messiah, Boston, per Rev. Geo. M. Randall,	35 00
" 24.	From St. Anne's Church Lowell, per Rev. T. Edson, D. D.,	31 00
" 28,	From St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain, per Rev. E. F. Slafter,	23 50
March 9.	From St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, per Rev. R. J. Parvin,	15 00
" 10.	From a member of Grace Church, Lawrence, "for Rev. G. Packard,"	25 00
" 22.	From St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, per Rev. W. T. Bartlet,	3 21
" 29.	From Christ Church, Cambridge, per Rev. N. Hoppin,	10 00
" 30.	From St. Paul's Church, Brookline, per Rev. J. S. Stone, D. D.,	42 00
April 1.	From Christ Church, Boston, "for Rev. W. T. Smithett,"	10 00
" 6.	From Christ Church, Waltham, per Rev. T. F. Fales,	52 67
" 11.	From Rev. Samuel Cutler, his annual subscription, ..	20 00
" 30.	From Christ Church, Andover, per Rev. S. Fuller, D. D., ..	14 69
May 14.	By one year's interest on Grace Church mortgage, ..	60 00
18.	From Suffolk Savings Bank, being amount of interest received,	204 20
" "	From Provident Institution for Savings, being amount of interest received,	270 77
" "	From Rev. N. G. Allen, his annual subscription for 1851-2-3,	15 00
" "	From Rev. J. H. Clinch, his annual subscription,	10 00
" "	From Rev. J. Woart, amount collected in St. James's Church, Great Barrington,	10 00
" "	From Frederick H. Stimpson, Esq., his annual subscription,	1 00
" "	From Rev. T. R. Lambert, U. S. N., his annual subscription,	5 00
" "	From Christ Church, Springfield, per Rev. W. S. Child,	26 44
" "	Amount collected at the Offertory, Convention day, Trinity Church, Boston,	34 75
		<u>\$1079 52</u>

The undersigned has examined the foregoing account and finds it correctly cast and properly vouched. He has also seen the evidences of investment of funds of the Society to the amount of six thousand, five hundred and eighty-one and 41-100 dollars.

FREDERICK H. STIMPSON, *Auditing Committee.*

Dr.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

1853. June 1.	<i>Diocesan Missions in Massachusetts :</i>		
	For cash paid as per appropriation of the Board, - - - - -	\$1690 67	
	For incidental expenses, stationary, postages, discounts and printing, - - -	17 60	
	For balance carried to new account, - -	35 44	
	<i>General Domestic Missions :</i>		
	For cash paid Thomas N. Stanford, Esq., Treasurer of the Domestic Committee,		597 24
	<i>Foreign Missions :</i>		
	For cash paid James S. Aspinwall, Esq., Treasurer of the Foreign Committee,		1976 91
	<i>Specially appropriated :</i>		
	For cash paid as specially directed by donors, - - - - -		2031 17
			<div data-bbox="1001 1675 1089 1711">\$5649 03</div>

Account with JAMES B. Dow, Treasurer.

Cr.

	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	Various.	Total.
Balance, - -	\$91 37	..	..	..	91 37
r - Christ Church, -	23 21	..	..	..	23 21
ry - St. James's, -	..	..	..	..	..
l - St. John's, -	5 00	..	..	..	5 00
ord - St. Mark's, -	..	..	..	..	..
- Advent, - - -	..	..	..	..	..
- Christ, - - -	25 00	5 00	8 00	10 00	48 00
- Grace, - - -	160 09	100 00	100 00	..	360 09
- Messiah, - - -	40 00	..	40 00	15 00	95 00
- St. Paul's, - -	562 37	108 00	192 50	1623 98	2486 85
- St. John's, - -	13 10	..	..	..	13 10
- St. Matthew's, -	10 00	..	..	..	10 00
- St. Stephen's, -	..	..	..	..	..
- St. Mark's, - -	..	..	..	..	..
- Trinity, - - -	396 87	..	221 70	140 07	758 64
water - Trinity, -	..	..	..	..	..
ine - St. Paul's, -	..	..	..	..	..
pee - Grace, - - -	..	..	..	..	..
idge - Christ, - -	25 00	131 00	50 00	..	206 00
idgeport - St. Peter's, -	..	..	..	..	..
down - St. John's, -	15 20	..	..	..	15 20
t - St. Luke's, - -	14 49	..	..	..	14 49
ille - Christ, - - -	5 00	..	..	..	5 00
n - St. Paul's, - -	52 25	25 26	35 26	..	112 77
ster - St. Mary's, -	..	..	5 00	..	5 00
iver - Ascension, -	10 00	..	..	..	10 00
Barrington - St. James's	..	..	..	..	..
ield - St. James's, -	..	..	..	..	..
er - St. Andrew's, -	28 20	..	46 00	..	74 20
ton - St. Paul's, - -	..	..	..	..	..
oro' - St. Luke's, - -	5 00	..	..	..	5 00
uce - Grace, - - -	13 39	6 39	7 00	..	26 78
- Trinity, - - -	..	..	..	..	..
- St. Anne's, - - -	37 00	72 00	60 00	..	169 00
- St. Stephen's, -	..	..	..	..	..
head - St. Michael's, -	..	..	..	..	..
ield - Trinity, - - -	..	..	..	..	..
d - Grace, - - -	..	..	20 00	..	20 00
le - St. John's, - -	..	..	..	..	..
cket - St. Paul's, - -	5 00	..	..	..	5 00
edford - Grace, - - -	..	..	..	..	..
ryport - St. Paul's, -	..	..	..	..	..
oston - St. Andrew's, -	..	..	..	..	..
L. Falls - St. Mary's,	..	..	..	..	..
mpton - St. John's, -	..	..	..	..	..
St. Paul's, - - -	..	..	..	..	..
cket - Trinity, - - -	..	..	..	..	..
uth - Christ, - - -	..	..	..	..	..
ld - St. Stephen's, -	30 00	42 21	53 00	..	125 21
y - Christ, - - -	5 00	..	13 50	4 00	22 50
ry - St. James's, -	20 50	18 00	202 02	..	240 52
- St. John's, - -	20 54	..	20 00	..	40 54
- St. Peter's, - -	77 12	57 12	70 00	..	204 24
field - Christ, - - -	..	..	..	..	..
ridge - St. Paul's, - -	8 00	..	..	..	8 00
ea - Christ, - - -	9 55	..	..	..	9 55
on - St. Thomas's, -	29 40	25 26	65 00	50 00	169 66
usenville - Trinity, -	6 00	3 00	6 00	..	15 00
am - Christ, - - -	..	..	40 43	..	40 43
ster - All Saints, -	..	..	..	..	..
sonville - St. John's, -	..	..	..	..	..
1 other sources, - -	06	4 00	21 50	188 12	213 68
	\$1743 71	597 24	1276 91	2031 17	5649 03

JAMES B. DOW Treasurer.

MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MISSIONS *in account with* JAMES B. DOW, *Treasurer.* CR.

53. For cash paid to		
St. John's, East Boston,.....	\$200 00	
Ascension, Fall River,.....	150 00	
Grace, Medford,.....	133 67	
St. Luke's, Chelsea,.....	150 00	
Trinity, Lenox, St. Paul's, Stockbridge,	150 00	
St. Paul's, Nantucket,.....	150 00	
St. Peter's, Cambridgeport,	150 00	
Christ, Plymouth,.....	150 00	
Christ, Swansea,.....	150 00	
Trinity, Vandusenville,.....	100 00	
St. Andrew's, New Boston,.....	50 00	
Trinity, Pawtucket,.....	150 00	
	\$1683 67	
Rev. J. H. Clinch's bill,.....	7 00	
Incidental expenses,.....	17 60	
Balance carried to new account,.....		
	24 60	
	35 44	
	\$1743 71	
1853. By cash received subject to the appropriation of the Board,.....		\$1743 71
June 1.		
Balance to new Account,.....		\$35 44

Boston, June 1853.

(Errors excepted.)

JAMES B. DOW, Treasurer.

Appendix.

Dr.		BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR SEAMEN in account with B. C. CLARK, Treasurer.		Cr.	
1853.	To sundry payments, per account	1853.	By Sundry Collections, per account		
May 19.	rendered,.....	\$1823 17	May 19.	rendered,.....	\$2033 07
	Balance,.....	209 90		By balance,.....	\$209 90
		<u>\$2033 07</u>			<u>\$2033 07</u>
Boston, May, 1853.			B. C. CLARK, Treasurer of Board of Missions for Seamen.		

The Treasurer in presenting his account deems it proper to state, that the regular Collector of the Mission has encountered so many obstacles during the past year, that his efforts, although well directed, have proved almost useless. Indeed, so onerous and unavailing did his labors prove, that the Treasurer, from a sense of delicacy, felt bound to relieve him from further attempts to obtain aid. Accordingly, in the early part of the last financial year, the Collector rendered his last account, and the Treasurer has not since thought proper to appoint another special agent.

As the Board are aware of most of the difficulties alluded to, the Treasurer gladly spares himself the painful and profitless task of recapitulating them. The Board, upon an examination of the books, will notice the absence of some persons who were once supporters of the Mission. These cases, however, are not very numerous, and would not be worth naming if they did not indicate the fact, that excellent and well intentioned persons have become for the moment the victims of an unhappy influence.

CLERICAL FUND ASSOCIATION in account with J. W. CLARK, Treasurer.		CR.
Dr.		
1852.		
Aug. 3.	To investment for account of fund, viz : \$200 Vermont Central Railroad, 1st mortgage, 7 per cent. bond, bought at 91c.	\$182 00
Dec. 15.	To \$100 Vermont Central Railroad, bought at 92½c., and accrued interest from Nov. 1st,...	98 37
1853.	To \$300 San Francisco City, 10 per cent. bond, bought at \$100, and accrued interest from Nov. 1, 1852,	308 75
Feb. 16.	To balance on hand,.....	14 68
May 17.		
	By balance per last report,.....	\$147 97
	“ 20. “ amount received of St. James's, Greenfield,	5 65
	“ 20. “ do. Christ Church, Quincy,	2 00
	“ “ “ do. St. Mary's, Newton,.....	11 70
	“ “ “ do. W. R. Lee, Esq.,.....	5 00
	June 9. “ do. Miss Johnson, by hands of Bishop,	10 00
	“ 26. “ Interest received on Wm. Glover's Note,...	11 34
	Oct. 5. “ amount from Christ Church, Andover,.....	15 00
	Nov. 1. “ 6 months interest, 7 per cent. on \$200 Ver- mont Central Bonds,	7 00
	“ Wm. Glover's note paid \$65, interest \$2.30,	67 30
	Dec. 3. “ sale for account of fund, \$300 Vt. Central 1st mortgage bond at 96½c., and accrued 1853. interest,.....	295 59
	Feb. 16. “ coupons \$300 San Francisco bonds due May 1, \$15, less expense collecting 5 per cent., 75c.	14 25
	April 14. “ amount from St. James's, Greenfield,.....	6 00
	May 10.	\$598 80

Constitution
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
AS AMENDED
IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1841, 1846, AND MAY, 1852.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Commonwealth, at Boston, on the second Wednesday in June, in every year, unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided, always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop and the assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every other clergy-

man of the Church of whatever order, being a settled minister, or regularly officiating in some parish within this Commonwealth; or being a President, Professor, Tutor or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Commonwealth, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this State, for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this Commonwealth, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay delegate, or delegates, not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay delegate unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

ARTICLE IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they have been duly organized for the space of one year, and during that time have held regular public services, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention.

But in case of vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for by three clerical members, or by the lay delegations from three parishes represented in the Convention; in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article, except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

Canon of 1828,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1849.

Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this State, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual report what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, or of such committee as shall be appointed by the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, namely: to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop of this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several Churches in this State by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies, at least, of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

But no clergyman shall be entitled to any appropriation from the Contingent Fund, unless the parish of which he is the minister shall have paid its annual quota of *one per centum*, or send a certified copy of a vote that it is unable to pay the same. Neither shall any parish, thus neglecting to comply with the requisitions of the Canon, receive more than five copies of the Journal.

Canon of 1844.***Respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund.***

In every parish in this Diocese, a collection shall be annually made on Trinity Sunday, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Commonwealth, to be added to the permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese; and the said Treasurer shall report annually to this Convention, the amount by him received from each parish.

Canons of 1846,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1852.

I.

Of proceedings in the case of a Minister, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise of offences for which he may be tried.

SECT. 1. The mode of presentment and trial of a Minister, for any offence for which, by the laws of the General Convention or of this Diocese, he is or may be liable to be tried, shall be as follows :

Information of his offence shall first be given in writing to the Standing Committee, which information, any member of this Church is hereby declared competent to give. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed to a preliminary consideration of the case; and in their discretion, if they see fit, may make a formal presentment of the offence to the Bishop.

Such presentment shall be made in writing, addressed to the Bishop, stating the charges made against the accused, with specifications as to time, place, and circumstances; and any of the specifications in said presentment may be amended from time to time by the Judge Advocate, as the Court may order; and in case there shall be no Bishop, or in case the Bishop shall be implicated in the offence, or shall be related to the accused by consanguinity or affinity, the Standing Committee shall then

request the Bishop of some other Diocese to receive the presentment, who, upon the application of the Standing Committee, may proceed in the case, and exercise the same powers as belong, or are granted, to the Bishop of the Diocese.

SECT. 2. Any Minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise, of any offence or offences for which he may be tried as aforesaid, may, for himself, request the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry respecting the truth of the charges against him; and, in such case, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry, and to proceed in like manner, as is provided in section first of the Canon.

II.

Of the trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.

SECT. 1. Upon such presentment being made by the Standing Committee, as is provided in the foregoing Canon, the Bishop shall, as soon as may be, cause a copy of such presentment to be served on the accused, and shall also nominate nine Presbyters of the Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, nor witnesses in the case, and shall cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall, within thirty days after such service, select five of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within said thirty days, the Bishop shall then select five, and the Presbyters so selected shall form an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of the accused.

SECT. 2. The Court, thus constituted, shall meet at such time and place within the Diocese, as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese, as they shall deem necessary; and the Bishop shall cause a written notice of the time and place of the first meeting of the said Court to be served at least thirty days before the time of meeting, on the accused, and also on the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

SECT. 3. If, at the time appointed for the first meeting of the said Court, the whole number of five shall not attend, those who

do attend, may adjourn from time to time ; or being not less than three in number, they shall have the right to proceed, in case they shall see fit, to a hearing and trial of the case ; and their decision, if unanimous, shall be as binding as if the whole Court had been present ; but in case their decision shall not be unanimous, the Bishop shall, at the request of the accused, or of the Standing Committee, order a new trial.

SECT. 4. If a clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, the Court shall, in writing, certify the same to the Bishop, and state their opinion as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced ; and it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence, in the manner hereinafter provided. And if a clergyman presented as aforesaid, after having had due notice, shall fail or neglect to appear before the Court of Presbyters appointed for his trial, unless prevented by sickness or other sufficient cause, he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the term of six months ; and if during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.

SECT. 5. When the Court proceed to the trial, they shall hear such competent evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively ; and some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may, at the desire of either party, be requested to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses. If, on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Court may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

SECT. 6. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any material witnesses cannot be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of such witnesses. Such Commissary may be either a clergyman or a layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least *six* days' notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more

than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness, and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissary, and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Court, and shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such Commissary may be sworn or affirmed in manner aforesaid.

SECT. 7. The Court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be, without delay, communicated to the accused; and the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Court; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused, and any three or more Presbyters of the Diocese, to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend; and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Court of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

SECT. 8. All citations and notices contemplated in this Canon shall be signed by the Bishop, and may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written citation or notice de-

to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be
a sufficient service of such citation or notice.

. 9. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both
the pleasure of the parties, provided they are clergymen
ally resident in the Diocese, or laymen who have been
nicants of some parish of the same, at least two years be-
time of trial.

Canon of 1846.

Of Communicants.

never the Bishop shall institute an inquiry on the subject
elling a person from the Holy Communion, according to
rics and the canons of the General Convention, he shall
n a council of two presbyters and two laymen, of which
l be president, to decide upon the case.

Canon of 1847,

AS AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1848.

Of Elections.

deputies to the General Convention from this Diocese shall
en at the meeting of this Convention holden in each year
stated meeting of the General Convention; who shall con-
n office until the meeting of this Convention, next preceding
ted meeting of the General Convention, on the third year
ter their election, and until others shall be chosen in their

vacancy occurring in the delegation shall be filled at the
suing meeting of this Convention; and appointments for
erval may be made by the Standing Committee, at a meet-
cially convened for that purpose.

Canon of 1852.*Of the Admission of New Parishes into union with the Convention.*

All applications for the admission of new parishes into union with this Convention shall be received and referred to the Standing Committee. And the said Committee shall examine into the circumstances of the party making the application, to ascertain the number of Episcopalians resident in the place where it is proposed to establish a new parish; what resources they have from the establishment of a neighboring parish already in existence; what the population of the town in which it is proposed to establish such parish may amount to; what may be expected to be its probable increase; what is the number, character, and influence of other Christian denominations in the same place; and what are the resources in possession of the applicants, whereon may be founded a reasonable expectation that they now are, or are likely to become, within a reasonable time, a self-supporting parish; and they shall make report of the same to the next Convention, with their opinion thereon.

Canon of the General Convention of 1835.*On the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time.*

SECTION I. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his parish or Church, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same; and these parochial reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, shall be read and entered on the journals of the

Convention. And every other clergyman not regularly settled in any parish or Church, shall also report to the ecclesiastical authority of his Diocese, the occasional services he may have performed ; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same.

Rules of Order.

RULE I. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house ; nor more than once, until others desiring to speak shall have spoken.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

Every member who shall be in the house, when any question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested in the question, or shall be excused by the Convention for reasons assigned.

RULE II. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same parish with the mover ; and every motion, when required by any member, shall be reduced to writing.

RULE III. When the report of a committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house ; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

RULE IV. When a question is before the Convention, it shall be in order —

1. To lay on the table ;
2. To postpone to a day certain ;
3. To commit ;
4. To amend ;
5. To postpone indefinitely ;

and a motion for any one of these proceedings may be considered as having precedence in the order in which they are here named; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE V. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

RULE VI. Any member may call for the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

RULE VII. The question of adjournment shall always be in order; and that, together with a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

RULE VIII. When votes by orders are taken, they shall be entered on the minutes.

RULE IX. On all questions of order, the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

RULE X. A question, being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present, nor unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority on the original decision.

LIST OF THE CLERGY
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- The Right Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D.D., Bishop
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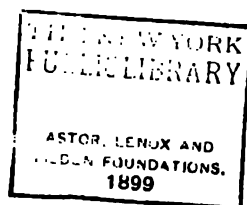
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Trinity Church. }

THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, with several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, assembled in Trinity Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. John Irwin, Rector of St. John's Church, East Boston. The Ante-communion Service was read by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, assisted, in the Epistle, by the Rt. Rev. John H. Hopkins, D. D., Bishop of Vermont.

The Annual Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. William S. Child, Rector of Christ Church, Springfield, from the text, 1 Cor. xv. 1, 2. *Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you, the Gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.*

After which, at the Offertory, which was read by the Rev. George Leeds, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem, collection was made in aid of the funds of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese. The Holy Communion was then administered to the Clergy, and to a large number of the Laity, by the Bishop, who was assisted in the distribution of the Elements by the Bishop of Vermont.

The congregation having retired, the Bishop took the Chair, when the list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention was called by the Secretary, as follows :—

The Rt. Rev., MANTON EASTBURN, D. D.,

The Rev. Ethan Allen,	The Rev. George Leeds,
" <i>Henry S. Attwater,</i>	" Charles Mason,
" Benjamin Austin,	" A. M. Morrison,
" Samuel B. Babcock,	" George Packard,
" Wm. S. Bartlet,	" Wm. P. Page,
" Alfred L. Baury,	" E. B. Palmer.
" Nathaniel T. Bent,	" Robert J. Parvin,
" John T. Burrill,	" Emery M. Porter,
" Moses B. Chase,	" George W. Porter,
" William S. Child,	" T. R. Pynchon,
" <i>Charles Cleveland,</i>	" Geo. M. Randall,
" Joseph H. Clinch,	" <i>Spencer M. Rice,</i>
" William B. Colburn,	" John B. Richmond,
" Andrew Croswell,	" John P. Robinson,
" Samuel Cutler,	" <i>John H. Rouse,</i>
" Edward L. Drown,	" Samuel B. Shaw,
" Asa Eaton, D.D.	" G.C. Shepard, D.D.,
" Theodore Edson, D.D.,	" <i>E. F. Slafter,</i>
" Thomas F. Fales,	" John C. Smith,
" Justin Field,	" Wm. T. Smithett,
" William Flint,	" Theo. W. Snow,
" Samuel Fuller, D.D.,	" Moses P. Stickney,
" Daniel L. B. Goodwin,	" J. S. Stone, D.D.,
" Lewis Green,	" <i>T. Strong, D.D.</i>
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" Nicholas Hoppin,	" George D. Wildes,
" William Horton,	" <i>Shipley W. Willson,</i>
" John P. Hubbard,	" C. Wiltberger,
" John Irwin,	" <i>Wm. Withington,</i>
" Thomas R. Lambert,	" <i>John Woart.</i>

Who appeared, and took their seats, with the exception of those whose names are marked in *italics*.

The certificates of Lay Delegates were then handed in to the Secretary, and read, and the names of the Delegates called over. The names of such as were not present during the session, are printed in *italics*.

Trinity Church, Boston. George M. Dexter, Benjamin P. Richardson, Edward Blake.

Christ Church, Boston.

St. Paul's Church, Boston. George M. Browne, James B. Dow, B. F. Hallett.

Grace Church, Boston. Richard Girdler, James Perkins, *George Wade.*

Church of the Messiah, Boston. William B. Bradford, Martin L. Bradford, Lemuel N. Ide.

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St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport. Isaac Lum, Benjamin Woodward.

St. John's Church, Charlestown. Charles W. Moore, *George N. Fisher, John Curtis.*

Grace Church, Medford. Nathaniel Tracy, *Joseph Manning.*

St. Paul's Church, Brookline. *Amos A. Lawrence,* Thomas Parsons, William Aspinwall.

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St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls. Ezra Warren, Thomas Rice, Jr., Walter Hagar.

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St. Paul's Church, Newburyport. Edward S. Rand, *Nathaniel Foster, Edward S. Moseley.*

St. James's Church, Amesbury. *Stephen Webster, William C. Binney, Albert F. Bradbury.*

Christ Church, Andover. Francis Coggsell, John Parnell, Marcus Morton, Jr.

Grace Church, Lawrence. Henry Barton, *John S. Stafford, John A. Goodwin.*

St. Anne's Church, Lowell. James S. Russell, Charles Hovey.

St. Mary's Church, Dorchester. Charles Stimpson, John P. Clapp, *James Jenkins.*

St. James's Church, Roxbury. Sanford M. Hunt, Charles McBurney, John B. Kettell.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain. *William H. Sumner, Edward N. Perkins, C. M. Vinson.*

St. Paul's Church, Dedham. Ira Cleveland, *William Ames, Rufus E. Dixon.*

Christ Church, Quincy. George Veazie, *Levi White, Ezra Walker.*

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover. John Cushing, Joseph C. Stockbridge, Atherton Tilden.

Christ Church, Plymouth. Oliver T. Wood, *Nathan Holmes, Charles Raymond.*

Trinity Church, Bridgewater. John Edson, *George L. Edson.*

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton. Edmund H. Bennett, Nathan S. Hoard, *Caleb Bryant.*

Grace Church, New Bedford. Leman P. Ashmead.

Christ Church, Swansea. William Pearse, *George Austin, John E. Gray.*

All Saints' Church, Worcester. Thomas Bottomly, *Sumner Pratt, W. W. Caldwell.*

St. John's Church, Millville. Lyman C. Curtis, *Charles E. Hale, James B. Hale.*

Christ Church, Springfield. John B. Stebbins, *Levi J. Holt, Clark W. Bryan.*

St. James's Church, Greenfield. Henry W. Clapp, *H. G. Parker, John Sawin.*

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough. A. J. Lewis, *W. D. B. Linn, Abiel Platt.*

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield. Edward A. Newton, *Joel Stephens, George W. Huntington.*

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville. Harvey Dodge, *Abraham Chase, Seth Hartwell.*

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.

St. John's Church, Northampton. Edward Clarke, *Thomas L. Rayner.*

St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.

St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.

Church of the Ascension, Fall River. Walter C. Durfee, *George W. Traprie, George S. Orr.*

Christ Church, Clappville.

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge. Daniel B. Fenn, *Henry W. Dwight, William G. Merrill.*

Trinity Church, Vandeusenville. Michael Van Deusen, *John S. Stone.*

St. Paul's Church, Otis. Lester Filley, Moses Day.

Trinity Church, Pawtucket. Albert Bliss, Russell L. Tupper.

Trinity Church, Lenox.

Grace Church, Chicopee, George D. Lund.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of Secretary balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, the former Secretary, be re-elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of Treasurer balloting be dispensed with.

The Rev. Theodore W. Snow having declined a re-election,

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of nomination, consisting of three persons, be appointed to select a Treasurer for the Convention.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Samuel Cutler, the Rev. George M. Randall, and Mr. John Edson, to form this Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, the person recommended by the nominating Committee, be appointed Treasurer of this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That clergymen of this Church not entitled to seats in the Convention, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to be present at the sittings of this body.

Whereupon, the following gentlemen appeared, and took seats in the Convention :—

The Rt. Rev. J. H. Hopkins, D.D., Diocese of Vermont.
The Rev. C. E. Swope, " Illinois.
" M. J. Mayers, H. B. M. Chap. Marseilles.
" Francis Byrne, Diocese of Jamaica.
" Edward Jessup, Diocese of Connecticut.
" Charles R. Fisher, " "
" Henry W. Lee, D. D., " W. N. Y.
" Daniel Henshaw, " R. I.
" Horatio Gray, " Penn.
" Julius S. Townsend, " Mass.
" Gordon M. Bradley, " "
" Henry Burroughs, Jr., " "

On motion,

Resolved, That the usual Committees be appointed by the Chair.

The Chair accordingly made the following appointments :

Committee on Qualifications. Rev. I. W. Hallam,
Rev. George Leeds, Hon. B. F. Hallett.

Committee on New Parishes. Rev. J. S. Stone, D. D.,
Rev. W. Horton, Mr. C. McBurney.

Committee on Finance. Rev. Asa Eaton, D.D., Mr. B. P.
Richardson, Mr. Benjamin Woodward.

Executive Committee. Rev. S. Cutler, Rev. A. M.
Morrison, Rev. R. J. Parvin.

Committee on Unfinished Business. Rev. N. Hoppin,
Mr. Lund.

The Secretary asked permission of the House to appoint the Rev. Justin Field, as assistant Secretary, which permission was, on motion, granted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the rules of Order adopted at the last

Convention, be adopted for the government of the present Session.

On motion,

Resolved, That the application of the Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole, for admission into union with this Convention, be referred to the Committee on new Parishes.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn to 4 o'clock, this P. M.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning Session were read and approved.

It having been announced to the Convention, by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, that the Rt. Rev. John H. Hopkins, D. D., was present, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to invite the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Vermont, to take a seat in this Convention, and that a chair be placed for him, at the right hand of the President.

The Bishop then delivered his

Annual Address:

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:—

I again present to you the record of my official acts, since we last assembled in annual Convention.

On Wednesday and Thursday, June 29 and 30, I attended in New York the annual meeting of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; and, on the latter of the above days, was present at the Commencement of that Institution at St. Peter's, Chelsea.

On the Seventh Sunday after Trinity, July 10, I confirmed 10 in the afternoon in St. Peter's, Cambridgeport; and afterwards administered the same rite to 2 sick members of the parish, at the residence of each.

On Tuesday, July 12, I consecrated to the worship and service of Almighty God Trinity Church, Pawtucket. A numerous congregation was present on this occasion, besides many clergymen from the neighboring Diocese of Rhode Island, and one from this Diocese. The completion of this edifice, after so many years of prayer and labor towards the object, is a just ground of satisfaction to us all. It is a substantial building of stone, and exceedingly well proportioned; and is capable of seating about 800 persons. The whole cost of the church, and of the land upon which it stands, was about \$7,500; of which \$1100 were contributed in Boston and other places, and the rest by the parishioners themselves. The interior is arranged with great propriety; and is also adorned by a noble organ, the workmanship of Mr. Hook, of this city. Since the consecration, the Rev. George F. Cushman, of Alabama, who had been officiating here for some time, has returned to that Diocese; and the parish have chosen as Rector the Rev. Julius S. Townsend, from the Diocese of Western New York, who has been discharging his duties since last autumn. May the Lord bless the ministrations which shall be dispensed within these walls; and make them effectual to the salvation of thousands yet unborn!

On Saturday, August 13, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Wiltberger, I set out for the Island of Nantucket; and, on the following day, the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, preached in St. Paul's in that place in the morning, and, assisted by Mr. Wiltberger, administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, after a sermon by the same reverend brother, I confirmed a parishioner of Trinity Church, Boston, who formerly resided on the Island; and also examined the

children of the parish in the Catechism. These young persons exhibited a degree of proficiency which gave great gratification to myself, and to all others who were assembled on the occasion.

On Monday, August 15, I visited Wood's Hole; and, the church being not then completed, I preached in the evening in the Academy, which was used by the parishioners as a temporary place of worship. On the morning of the next day, I met the children of the Sunday School, and examined them in the Catechism.

On Thursday, September 1, I attended, in compliance with canonical notice, a Court of Bishops at Camden, New Jersey, assembled for the trial of the Bishop of that Diocese, on a Presentment made by the Bishops of Virginia, Ohio, and Maine. After a fortnight's session, the Court came to an unanimous decision to dismiss the Presentment, and discharge the Respondent in the case; this course being adopted upon several grounds deemed satisfactory by the Court, and which are known to you all by the published record of the proceedings. I trust that the decision has been approved by the great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

St. Michael and All Angels, Thursday, September 29, at an Ordination held in the Church of the Messiah, Boston, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Edmund B. Palmer, Deacon, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Bridgewater, who was received in August last by letters dimissory from the Diocese of New Hampshire. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Thomas M. Smith, D. D., Milnor Professor of Systematic Divinity in the Theological Seminary of Ohio, and President of Kenyon College; who, together with the Rev. Dr. Eaton, and the Rev. Messrs. Wiltberger, Randall, and Smithett, united with me in the imposition of hands.

During the three weeks between the 5th and 28th of October, I attended in New York the Triennial Meeting of the General Convention of our Church; and also the meetings of the various Church

institutions which transacted business at the same time in that city. At one of the two public missionary meetings held in the Church of the Ascension, on occasion of the reception of the distinguished delegates of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, I delivered, by request, one of the addresses. The English representatives were, as you all know, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Spencer, formerly Bishop of Madras; the Rev. John Sinclair, Archdeacon of Middlesex; the Rev. Ernest Hawkins, Secretary of the Venerable Society; and the Rev. Mr. Caswall, of the Diocese of Salisbury. The communion of interest and feeling between the two Protestant Episcopal Churches of England and of this country, shewn by the presence of these brethren, we must all contemplate with satisfaction. Let us pray that it may increase. And let us likewise pray, that whatever they may do, either separately, or in concert, may be always worthy of their privileges; worthy of the scriptural doctrines embodied in their standards; and worthy of that Protestant cause, to whose support they are pledged by the Articles of their faith, and by the blood of their martyred confessors.

On the Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity, October 30, in St. Mary's, Newton, Lower Falls, I confirmed 10 in the afternoon, and catechised the children; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 1 in the Episcopal Chapel for Seamen in Ann street, Boston.

On the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity, November 13, in All Saints', Worcester, I preached in the morning, and in the afternoon confirmed 5 persons.

On Tuesday, November 15, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon in St. John's, Wilkinsonville.

On Wednesday, November 16, I preached in the afternoon in Christ Church, Clappville.

On Friday, November 18, I confirmed 3 in the afternoon in St. John's, Ashfield.

On the Sunday next before Advent, November 20, I preached in the morning in St. Luke's, Lanesborough, and confirmed 1 in the same Church in the afternoon ; and

In the evening of that day confirmed 8 in St. Stephen's, Pittsfield. On the following day, Monday, November 21, I examined the children of this parish in the Catechism ; and in the evening had the privilege of attending the anniversary of the Pittsfield Bible Society, which was held in St. Stephen's Church, and of delivering an address on that occasion.

On Tuesday, November 22, I confirmed 3 in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Lenox, and catechized the children. I was greatly pleased, at my present visit to this parish, to perceive the renovated and improved appearance of the church. This has been effected through the zealous exertions of the Rector, and of the devoted parishioners. The congregation also, you will be glad to learn, has increased considerably in numbers ; and the prospects of the parish, through God's blessing, are greatly brightening. During the summer and autumn months, many Episcopalian families of the city of New York make Lenox their place of residence ; and, while we are enabled, through the ministrations rendered there, to furnish them with the privileges of their own Church, they in turn contribute generously and effectively to the support of the parish. From personal observation, I am convinced that the aid so long rendered by the Board of Missions to this station has been productive of great blessing.

On Wednesday, November 23, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon, and catechized the children, in St. Paul's, Stockbridge.

On Thursday, November 24, I confirmed 1 in the morning, and catechized the children, in Trinity Church, Vandeusenville.

On Friday, November 25, I preached in the afternoon, and catechized the children, in St. James's, Great Barrington ; and confirmed 7 in the same church in the evening. Since my visit to this

parish, the Rev. Mr. Woart has resigned the Rectorship, and his place has not yet been supplied. I regret also to say, that the much needed work of building a larger church, which I had hoped to see completed before this time, has not yet been commenced.

On the First Sunday in Advent, November 27, I preached in the morning in St. Paul's, Otis; and in the afternoon of the same day preached in St. Andrew's, New Boston.

On Wednesday, December 14, I confirmed 12 in the evening in St. John's, Millville.

On the Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 18, I confirmed 18 in the afternoon in St. James's, Roxbury.

On the evening of Christmas Day, I confirmed 3 in Christ Church, Boston; and after the Confirmation delivered an Address to a numerous assembly of young men, members of the Boston Young Men's Christian Association, on the subject of their duties and dangers.

On the evening of the Festival of the Circumcision, Sunday, January 1, 1854, I delivered an Address in the Church of the Messiah, Boston, on occasion of the Annual Examination of the Sunday School of that parish.

On the Second Sunday after the Epiphany, January 15, I confirmed 9 in the same church in the evening.

On the Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 22, I confirmed 4 in the afternoon in Grace Church, Boston.

On Septuagesima Sunday, February 12, I preached in the afternoon in Grace Church, Medford.

On Tuesday, February 14, I had the pleasure of consecrating, in the presence of a large congregation, the Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole. This edifice, built after a design furnished by the Messrs. Billings, is highly appropriate and convenient; and was erected at the cost of about \$3,500. Of this sum about one third

was contributed by friends of our Church elsewhere, and the rest by the parishioners themselves. The land upon which the church stands was a free gift from Joseph S. Fay, Esq., who resides in the village during a considerable part of the year. To the generosity of several members of the Church of the Messiah, Boston, the parish are under great obligations for the furnishing of the reading-desk, pulpit, and chancel. I know of no undertaking in this Diocese which has been characterized by a greater degree of energy and zeal, than the building of this sanctuary for the maintenance of the ordinances of the gospel. May the Lord bless the word preached, and the word read, within its walls, and all the services, with the signs of his converting and sanctifying grace !

In the evening of the day of consecration, a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Wiltberger ; and one on the morning of the following day by the Rev. Mr. Randall. Not long after this, the parishioners secured the services of the Rev. T. B. Flower, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania ; and he is now residing with them as their settled pastor.

On the evening of Monday, February 20, in the Sunday School Room of St. John's, East Boston, after addresses by the Rev. Messrs. Leeds, Bartlet, and Fales, I made a concluding exhortation on the subject of missions ; this service being a Missionary meeting of the Eastern District Church Missionary Association.

On the Third Sunday in Lent, March 19, I confirmed 11 in the evening in St. Paul's, Dedham.

On the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 26, I confirmed 17 in the morning in Trinity Church, Boston ; making, with 1 already mentioned, 18 for the year. I take this opportunity of stating, with great satisfaction, that the new Sunday School Room of Trinity Church, the intended building of which was mentioned in the parochial report of last year, is now completed ; although not yet furnish-

d, as it shortly will be, with its appropriate seats. Attached to the large room, are two smaller ones which are to be devoted to the instruction of Bible Classes. The building, which is of stone, and which includes a convenient Vestry Room, was erected by the subscriptions of the parishioners, at a cost of about \$5000. I desire to express to them, in this public manner, my gratitude for the aid and sympathy thus afforded me, in that blessed work of leading the lambs of the flock to Christ, in which, for more than eleven years of connexion with this parish, I have found one of the highest delights of my life. May the Lord give them their best reward, in the conversion of their beloved children to the knowledge of that Saviour who is taught within those walls! My brethren of the Clergy, among the dearest objects of your care let the young be numbered. If any thing can stem the tide of worldliness and infidelity which is counteracting our efforts in this ungodly age, it is the labor you bestow upon children, in leading them through the Scriptures in the Sunday School, and in catechizing them at the Chancel. This is a department of ministerial duty worthy of your most persevering labor, and your most thorough preparation.

In the afternoon of the same day I administered Confirmation to 8 in Christ Church, Cambridge.

On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 2, I confirmed 8 in the evening in St. John's, Charlestown; one of the candidates being from the Church of the Advent, Boston.

On the evening of Tuesday, April 4, I confirmed 10 in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

On the evening of Thursday, April 6, I confirmed 6 in the Sunday School Room of St. John's, East Boston. The Rev. N. G. Allen, who has removed to the Diocese of New York, has been succeeded in the charge of this parish by the Rev. John Irwin, from the Diocese of Montreal. The new church, I am glad to be able to say,

is now nearly completed; but, until further and liberal aid shall be extended to the congregation, this building will not be in that condition of freedom from liability which is indispensable to its consecration.

On the Sunday next before Easter, April 9, I confirmed 8 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Brookline; and,

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 9 in Christ Church, Waltham.

On Wednesday before Easter, April 12, I confirmed 11 in the evening in Grace Church, Boston; including 3 from the Church of the Advent. The 8 parishioners of Grace Church confirmed on this occasion, added to the 4 before mentioned, make 12 as the full number for the year.

On Thursday before Easter, April 13, I confirmed 4 in the evening in the Episcopal Chapel for Seamen in Ann street, Boston; making, with 1 previously mentioned, 5 as the whole number for the year.

On the evening of Good Friday, April 14, I confirmed 10 in St. Mary's, Dorchester. The Rev. G. W. Porter has been succeeded in the Rectorship of this parish by the Rev. Edward L. Drown, who was received into this Diocese, in November last, from the Diocese of Rhode Island.

On Easter-day, April 16, I confirmed 17 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Boston; and,

In the evening of the same day, in Christ Church, Boston, confirmed 7; of whom 1 was from the Church of the Advent. To the 6 parishioners of Christ Church confirmed at this time, are to be added 3 already mentioned; making 9 as the whole number for the year.

On Tuesday in Easter-Week, April 18, I confirmed 6 in the afternoon in St. Andrew's, Hanover; and in the evening, after a sermon in the Lecture-room by the Rev. Mr. Wiltberger, I delivered a brief address to the congregation.

¶ On Thursday, April 20, I confirmed 9 in the evening in Trinity Church, Pawtucket.

On Friday, April 21, I confirmed 5 in the evening in St. John's, Millville; making, with the 12 previously mentioned, 17 as the whole number for the year. I am happy to state that the same liberal member of this parish, who has already contributed so largely towards the building of the church, has undertaken to liquidate the indebtedness resting upon it, and to complete the exterior of the building. When this shall have been effected, the consecration, so long deferred, of that beautiful edifice will immediately take place.

On the First Sunday after Easter, April 23, I preached in the morning in St. Anne's, Lowell; and in the afternoon confirmed 34, and, in conjunction with the Rector, catechized the children of the parish.

On St. Mark's Day, Tuesday, April 25, I preached in the afternoon in Christ Church, Swansea.

On Wednesday, April 26, in the Church of the Ascension, Fall River, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 4 in the evening.

On Thursday, April 27, I confirmed 8 in the evening in Grace Church, New Bedford.

On Friday, April 28, I preached in the afternoon, and catechized the children, in Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

On the Second Sunday after Easter, April 30, in St. Thomas's, Taunton, I preached in the morning, and catechized the children; and confirmed 13 in the afternoon.

On the evening of Tuesday, May 2, I confirmed 10 in the Church of the Messiah, Boston; making, with 9 confirmed in January last, 19 as the whole number for the year.

On Wednesday, May 3, I confirmed 3 in the evening in St. Stephen's, Lynn.

On Thursday, May 4, I confirmed 9 in the evening in St. Peter's, Salem. Since the last Convention, the Rev. George Leeds, formerly of the Diocese of Western New York, has been chosen the Rector of this parish, which was vacant by the resignation of the Rev. W. R. Babcock. The latter clergyman has been transferred, by letters dimissory, to the Diocese of Mississippi, and is the Rector of Trinity Church, Natchez.

On Friday, May 5, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and preached in the evening, in St. Michael's, Marblehead.

On the Third Sunday after Easter, May 7, in Christ Church, Springfield, I confirmed 18 in the morning; and, in conjunction with the Rector, administered the Holy Communion. I preached in the same church in the evening.

In the afternoon of the same day I confirmed 4, and catechized the children, in Grace Church, Chicopee. I am happy to say, that this Church has been for some time enjoying the services of the Rev. Edward Jessup, formerly of the Diocese of Connecticut, and is at present in a very encouraging condition. An effort is now being made for the removal of some pecuniary liabilities, which retard the prosperity of the parish; and, if this shall prove successful, I see no reason to doubt that, with faithful ministrations, it will ere long become self-sustaining.

On Tuesday, May 9, in St. John's, Northampton, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 12 in the evening.

On Wednesday, May 10, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon in St. James's, Greenfield.

On Thursday, May 11, I confirmed 18 in the evening in Christ Church, Andover.

On Friday, May 12, I confirmed 4 in the evening in Grace Church, Lawrence.

On the Fourth Sunday after Easter, May 4, I preached in the morn-

ing, and catechized the children, in St. Paul's, Newburyport; and confirmed 5 in the same church in the evening. Since the last Convention, the Rev. William Horton has been chosen the Rector of this parish, which had been for some time vacant through the resignation of the Rev. Edward A. Washburn. The latter has been recently transferred to the Diocese of Connecticut, and is the Rector of St. John's, Hartford.

In the afternoon of the same day, I confirmed 2, and catechized the children, in St. James's, Amesbury.

With the services of the last mentioned day was terminated my course of visitation for the year; and I have reason to bless the Lord for that preserving mercy which, amidst the various journeys these duties involved, kept me safe from all harm.

The results of the particulars thus presented are as follows:— I have confirmed, during the year, 374 persons; consecrated 2 churches; and ordained 1 Priest.

Several changes in the Diocese, other than those which the preceding statistics have embraced, remain to be recorded. The Rev. John A. Jerome has been compelled, by domestic circumstances, to resign the parish of Christ Church, Quincy; and is now usefully employed as an agent for the American Sunday School Union. He has been succeeded at Quincy by the Rev. Gordon M. Bradley, from the Diocese of Western New York. The Rev. Edmund F. Slafter, owing to the state of his health, has resigned the charge of St. John's, Jamaica Plain; and has been succeeded by the Rev. Cameron F. McRae, of this Diocese. Mr. Slafter is now rendering occasional assistance to the Rector of St. Paul's, in this city. The Rev. Sanford J. Horton has been transferred to the Diocese of Connecticut; the Rev. John W. Birchmore to Western New York; the Rev. D. C. Maybin to Ohio; the Rev. W. L. Childs, and the Rev. O. S. Prescott, to Maryland. The latter clergyman, before his removal

from this Diocese, had given the certificate required by the Court which tried him, and his suspension had accordingly ceased. The Rev. John E. Johnson has taken letters dimissory to the Diocese of Vermont; the Rev. Patrick H. Greenleaf, having resigned the Rectorship of St. Mark's, in this city, has removed to the Diocese of Indiana, and his place at St. Mark's is at present filled by the Rev. Mr. Baury; the Rev. Henry W. Woods has been transferred to Pennsylvania; and the Rev. Orange Clark, D. D., to California. The Rev. Edward A. Renouf has been received from Western New York, and is assisting the Rev. Dr. Wells in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston. The Rev. Moses B. Chase, Chaplain in the United States Navy, has been ordered from Brooklyn, New York, to the Navy Yard in this neighborhood, and is again actually, as well as canonically, residing in this Diocese.

The Candidates for Orders are as follows:—B. H. Chase, Frederick O. Barstow, J. S. Copley Greene, Winslow W. Sever, Pelham Williams, William H. Munroe, Charles H. Canfield, and W. S. Perry. Total, 8. The names of Daniel Taylor, and Alfred A. Gilbert, have been erased from the list of Candidates at their own request. Mr. W. Stevens Parker, another Candidate, has, at his own request, been transferred to the Diocese of New York.

I cannot forbear alluding, on this occasion, to a topic which fills all Christian hearts with anxiety; and to which the Bishops of our Church have of late made frequent and most earnest reference. You will all understand me as calling attention to the inadequate supply of candidates for the sacred ministry. This is an evil not confined to our branch of the Church of God, but extending through all Christian bodies. That many causes combine to produce this scarcity, there can be no doubt. One of these is that love of money which characterizes our age; and which, as it is "the root of all evil," so it is of that which we are now called to deplore. The prospects of

great and rapid gain, opening, in the present circumstances of this country, before the eye of the young, and rendered powerful by Satan in attraction for their ardent minds, lead them off from heavenly pursuits; and from thoughts of entering an office which, while it is the most exalted a human being can fill, is yet encompassed with poverty and privation. And these inclinations of the youth of the land find, it is to be feared, but too general an encouragement even from professedly Christian parents themselves; who, instead of endeavoring to turn the desires of their sons towards the glories of an ambassador of Christ, foster in them an eagerness after the glittering prizes of this world's silver and gold. In this state of things, how powerful is the voice with which all orders among God's people are summoned to efforts, for counteracting so alarming a danger! Let prayer be continually offered, in private, and in your families, to the Lord of the harvest, that he "will send forth laborers into his harvest." Let aid be generously proffered for the education of such as desire this office, and are spiritually and intellectually qualified to fill it, but have not the means of preparation. And let that noble company of persons among us, the teachers in our Sunday Schools, keep an eye upon the young; and improve the opportunities of influence they possess, by filling their minds with an early sense of the high honor, the unequalled happiness, and the rich rewards, attendant upon the ministry of "the glorious gospel of the blessed God."

But, while referring to the causes of this diminution in the number of candidates for the sacred office, I have not yet adverted to one which operates with wide-spread and most fatal efficiency. I allude to the insufficient incomes of the Clergy as a body. This is a subject upon which I can speak for my brethren, where they could not as well speak for themselves. That they bear their privations and anxieties with uniform cheerfulness of heart, is a fact known and read of all men. This serenity can only be accounted for by ascrib-

ing it to the peace of God in their souls; and remarkably does it stand in contrast with the discontent and misery of many a worldly heart around them, while blest with all the means and appliances of earthly abundance. But, while this quiet submission to their lot is so characteristic of the ministering servants of God, who will pretend to deny the actual amount of suffering to which they are exposed? Who will deny, that in many instances they are without the ability to meet some of the indispensable wants of life? And who will dispute the fact, that, in addition to all the other discomforts under which they labor, the probable condition of their families, should they be prematurely removed from the world, weighs upon them with a pressure the heaviest of all? Now this is a subject to which the great body of our people will do well to take heed; for, unless some effectual and general movement shall be made towards a better maintenance of those who dispense the bread of life, there is danger of a still farther diminution of the number of laborers in the great vineyard of the world. And are the people prepared for this? Are they ready to meet the day, when our sanctuaries shall be closed,—when the voice of the living teacher shall be heard no longer,—and when all the influences of God's appointed Sabbath shall cease from the land? I suppose not. And yet one can hardly help indulging the fear, that some such catastrophe as this, coming for a short season, will be deemed necessary by Providence, for the purpose of arousing men to a consciousness of their spiritual privileges, and to a sense of the obligation imposed upon them to render what is just and equal for their maintenance. Without the ministrations of the Gospel, what an image of hell would this fallen world soon present! And, if this be true,—and if the preservation of the land we live in from these horrors of practical atheism be dependent upon a sufficient provision for those who minister in holy things,—it is easy to see what an interest all sorts and conditions of men have in the subject.

is it be a reasonable subject of wonder, that many of our young men, even with strong desires after the ministry of the word, are apted to shrink back from a determination involving the possibility, not only of the most grinding poverty, but of inability to pay indebtedness incurred for the very necessities of existence? And would it also be wonderful, if, under such circumstances, our country should begin to experience that worst of all famines, a famine of the word of life? I have rejoiced to perceive the manifestation, in a few instances, of an improved tone of sentiment on this all-important subject. And I commend the considerations which I have just presented to your earnest reflection.

My brethren of the Clergy and Laity, may God Almighty now be with us; and so guide us by his grace, that, in all that we shall do, the honor of his great name may be promoted, and the Kingdom of Christ may extend more and more in a world that "lieth in wickedness!"

The Rev. John S. Stone, D. D., from the Committee on New Parishes, made the following report:

The Committee on New Parishes, to whom was referred the application from "the Church of the Messiah," Wood's Hole, for admission into this convention, beg leave to report,

That the Document, referred to them, is slightly informal, inasmuch as it fails to certify that "regular public services have been held" for the space of one year since their organization; and, instead of being signed by "the Wardens and Vestry," is signed by the Wardens only, and attested by the Clerk.

In behalf of the Committee,

JOHN S. STONE, *Chairman*.

The Rev. George D. Wildes, from the Board of Mis-

sions to Seamen, made the following Report from that body.

Board of Missions to Seamen.

The Board of Missions to Seamen, appointed by the last Convention, respectfully beg leave to present their annual Report.

During the past year, the Board, as the agent of the Convention, has pursued the course indicated in its instructions from that source. The following extracts from the report of the faithful and earnest chaplain, will place before the Convention the encouraging aspects of the Mission during the year. The missionary states that "the Mission has continued to exert its benign influence in behalf of those for whose benefit it was commenced; and although the fruits have not been so many or so rich as may have been desirable, yet its course has not been without incidents of deep, abiding interest."

"Many sailors have called upon me during the week, who have been conversed and prayed with. Chelsea Hospital has been visited weekly, much to my own profit, and, it is believed, to the spiritual benefit of its inmates." Many incidents of a deeply affecting character are here touched upon by the chaplain, which cannot properly come within the limits of the report. "Much out-of-door labor, he states, has been given, during the past year, and the gospel carried to those who were not disposed to come where it was preached." In October last, a meeting for prayer, exhortation and preaching, was commenced at a sailor boarding-house in Ann street, and continued weekly; this effort has been crowned with encouraging success. Considerable visitation among the poor, has been observed; and, in several instances, with marked interest. Five persons have been confirmed during the year. At the last report there were twelve communicants; one has died, one withdrawn, and thirteen been added; making the present number twenty-three.

The morning congregation has increased materially, while the evening has varied, with the number of seamen in port, and the exertions made to invite them. The attendance at times has been very encouraging.

After a view of the yearly statistics, the Chaplain, proceeds to say that "he feels that his labors have been crowned with success; that the great Head of the Church has owned his efforts for the promotion of his glory in the good of souls; and he feels, what to him is highly encouraging, that he is collecting around him a praying people, who are looking to God for his blessing on the exertions made for the good of seamen."

Were the relations sustained by the Board, like those attaching to ordinary Missionary Agencies, the record of its stewardship would always be a comparatively obvious and simple one. So far as the enmity of the heart to God, the evil that is in the world, and the coldness of Christian faith are concerned, the Board, like all other agencies, must and does encounter great difficulties. There are circumstances however, always attaching to efforts in the cause of seamen, and others peculiar to our own Mission, which still continue to render their duties at once arduous and delicate. The members of the Board feel, that a somewhat explicit statement of these, may at once indicate to the Convention the history of their yearly duties, and serve to stimulate the Church, through its representatives, to more enlarged and decided action in relation to this most important object of Christian activity.

The first difficulty which any organization for the spiritual welfare of seamen encounters arises out of the low estimate in the Christian community of the importance of the object. Christian action in this behalf is too much regarded as a secondary, rather than a prime element, in our duty to our fellow men. In our conventional action, even, the cause of Missions to Seamen does not attain that high position which the Board feel it ought to occupy. From their familiarity with the phases of missionary action among seamen, and their intimate knowledge of the views of many who contribute in some degree to the support of our Mission, the Board may be pardoned in the opinion that until the cause assumes a higher intrinsic and relative estimate in the minds and hearts of Christians, all efforts for the evangelization of seamen, and, as a just sequence, of the world, must be lamentably deficient in results. The scale-mark of success in this, as

in every other Christian charity, will be the level of Christian affections at the source of action.

The Board would remind the Convention that it is not alone the neglected soul of the seaman which demands this higher view of the relations of the Board; nay, it is the cause of a sinful world, which, but for a Christianized commerce, must ever remain largely sinful and suffering, which calls for a more elevated, discriminating, and enlarged activity in all Church efforts for the cause of seamen.

The Board must content itself in this, as in other points which follow, with indicating topics, which it remains with the Convention to discuss and act upon. It therefore proceeds to another topic, necessarily consequent upon the preceding, viz: The lack of *personal* interest and effort among communicants of our church, in furthering the interests of the Mission. Upon this point this Board might present a statement which should lead to the solemn inquiry, whether *personal activity* in Christian duty to others is very largely enforced in our churches, as an indispensable element in the Christian profession. We send our thoughts, our prayers and our means to the shores of heathenism; nay, there are multitudes of young professors of Christ's name, who, but for the severance of home ties, and the chances of the foreign field, would readily go forth to the work of missions. Does it ever occur to their pastors or themselves, that from the docks of our great commercial centres, there are lines extended to the very ends of the earth, almost telegraphic in their results? Does it ever occur to them that the gospel, placed by their personal efforts in the hand, and by the ever-working God's blessing in the heart, of the seaman, at the chapel and at the dock, will by the same blessing be repeated with living power at the most distant shores? The word of sympathy, the tract, *not sent*, but *handed* to the seaman; the *personal* entreaty of the affectionate Christian soul;—all these can so strike the keys of the seaman's soul as presently to connect the earnest Christian laymen at home with results inconceivably interesting in the most distant lands.

Let there go forth on the morning of the Sabbath, from each of our city churches, a band of devoted laymen auxiliary to this

Board; let such distribute themselves around our docks, and in the haunts of seamen, during the early hours of the Sabbath; let them bring with them to the Chapel those who need but the effort, to be induced to come thither; let this course be perseveringly and faithfully tried, and your Board will present results from year to year, gladdening to the hearts of all true lovers of the Redeemer's cause. And yet, with hundreds in our churches whose Christian *faith* must at some time terribly react, but for just such efforts of Christian love—for the spirit must *do* something as well as *believe* something, if it would live,—will it be believed, that the Missionary, but for the co-operation of one or two devoted friends of the cause, would be entirely alone in this work? In a city, whose commerce is world-wide in its relations, and whose marine is largely in the hands of professing Christians of our own faith, there can hardly be found the man, who for a short Sabbath hour will go forth like his Saviour to the seaside, and become instrumental in the teaching of the gospel out 'of the ship' to them that are within, and to them, in a peculiar relation, that are without. The Board would respectfully and solemnly urge upon the Convention the need of some action, whereby this point may be effectually presented to the minds and consciences of professing Christians in our Church.

Another point which the Board feel it incumbent to present, is the need of a more explicit and authorized declaration on the part of the Convention, in regard to the relation sustained by the Mission in Ann street, to the Convention itself. The Board would not allude to this topic, were it not convinced that much misunderstanding prevails among the ordinary contributors to the Mission in regard to the identity of the Mission itself. Not that the Mission is either dead, or in a decline, but that it is erroneously supposed to have assumed another form, and thus to distract the charitable views of former patrons.

The early history of the Mission is already well known to the Convention and its benefactors. The fact, too, that the Convention has *still a Mission* under its charge is equally well known. The Board feel convinced, however, *that the change in the executive* of the Mission is not well known to the contrib-

utors to the funds of the Board, and that the connection of the former Chaplain with another and parochial organization, *not recognized* by the Convention or the Board, has led to the belief on the part of many former patrons that the Mission itself is transferred to that organization. The Board is prepared to present facts which justify the inference that the Mission is suffering for the need of an additional and more explicit recognition of its identity by the Convention. The Board is prepared to show that, without such action, results must follow impairing to the usefulness of the Mission, by diversion of funds intended for the Mission of this Board, and eventually leading, by distraction of the minds of the well disposed, between two objects, to the withdrawal of all contributions to the cause of missions to seamen. If the Board can count upon such action of the Convention as has been intimated, it feels assured that a new impulse will be given to the cause, and the necessity of any other organization for the same object, in its own vicinity, be fully disproved.

There are other points of importance which might be presented, did time permit. The Board feel convinced, that, upon the action of the present Convention in the foregoing particulars, the permanent usefulness of the Mission must largely depend. They wish to see the Mission assuming that position in the view of the mercantile community, which it ought to occupy at a time when that community is actively interested in efforts for the welfare of seamen; above all, they wish it to assume that importance in the view of the disciples of the blessed Redeemer, which his name, and love, and their own duty to Him demand. With a truly pious, devoted and self-denying Chaplain; with every facility for the efficient and solemn performance of religious services; with the Bible, the Prayer Book, and the Tract, accompanying the preached word; with these too, in every needed language, ready for the sinful and the lost, all that the Board needs, next to the blessing of God, is the active co-operation of the Convention and the professed disciples of the Church, in "its work and labor of love."

The Board may be permitted to suggest to the Convention, whether the simple election of a Board of Missions to seamen from

year embraces the whole duty devolving upon the Church in this Diocese in their behalf. Will not the Convention recommend to the parishes of the city and vicinity the course intimated with reference to *personal* efforts for the cause? Will it not urge upon all parishes, in union with itself, the formation of auxiliaries to the Board, and thus render its own action commensurate, in a degree, with an enlarging commerce and the spiritual needs of those employed in its service? Without some action, that which should be foremost as a Missionary cause, must still linger and languish. Without it, the establishment of a Mission, and the annual election of a Board of control, will be but a solemn counterfeit of Christian sympathy and duty. If the Mission is to be a successful one, the action of the Convention, as it seems to the Board, must extend to the constant recognition of the Mission, and the protection of its own agencies, as well as the appointment of those agencies.

The Board humbly pray the action of the Convention upon the whole subject. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE D. WILDES, *for the Board.*

The Rev. John S. Stone, D. D., offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in order to a better understanding among the friends of the cause of seamen, in regard to the Mission established by this Convention, the Convention declare that the Mission under the charge of the Rev. Christian Wiltberger, now located in Ann street, is the only agency for the cause of Seamen established by this Convention.

Resolved, That this Convention renewedly express its confidence in the arrangement and operations of the Mission, and that in order to the more efficient working of this agency, the Convention do recommend to the Rectors of the Churches in the Diocese such measures auxiliary to the Board of Missions to Seamen, as may be consistent with their existing parochial plans.

Resolved, That the Rectors of the Churches in the city

and vicinity are respectfully requested to urge upon the members of their Parishes the duty of personal efforts in furthering the objects of the Mission, and that the Convention regards such co-operation as indispensable to the efficient and successful working of any agency for the spiritual welfare of seamen.

Which, on motion, were laid upon the table, to be made the order of the day for to-morrow morning immediately after morning service.

On motion,

Resolved, That the election of the various Committees be made the order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock, provided the reports, for the year just elapsed, shall have been previously presented to the Convention.

The Rev. Isaac W. Hallam, from the Committee on Qualifications, made the following report.

The Committee on Qualifications respectfully report, that they have examined the list of clergy read by the Secretary, and find it correct. That the testimonials of lay delegates, though in some instances irregular, are valid, with the exception of one, in which there is no mention of the authority under which a choice was made. To prevent mistakes, sometimes perplexing, the Committee would recommend that in all cases (except where parochial by-laws require a variance) the form of certificate of lay delegates printed on the cover of the Journal, and authorized by the Convention of 1849, should be strictly followed.

I. W. HALLAM, *Chairman*.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the subject of some special legislation for the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, on the part of the General Court of Massachusetts, and to present a Petition and Bill, based thereon, at the next Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the above Committee shall consist of five persons, and that they be appointed by the Chair.

The Chair accordingly appointed the following persons.

CLERGY.

LAITY.

Rev. Charles Mason,	Benjamin F. Hallett,
" William T. Smithett,	Richard H. Dana, Jr.
" Alex. H. Vinton, D. D.	

The Rev. Charles Mason, from the Standing Committee, made the following Annual Report from that body.

Report of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee, in accordance with the 8th Article of the Constitution, present to the Convention the following report.

The Committee was organized May 30th, 1853, by the choice of the Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D. D., as President, and the Rev. Charles Mason, as Secretary. Ten meetings of the Committee have been held during the past year. The Canonical certificates have been signed in favor of the Rev. Edmund B. Palmer and the Rev. William Colburn, Deacons, applying for admission to the Order of Priest, and of Mr. Winslow W. Seaver, Mr. Pelham Williams, Mr. William Stevens Perry, and Mr. Charles Henry Canfield, applying to become Candidates for Orders. Bills have been approved as follows, viz:—Of the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, for expenses incurred as Secretary of the Convention; of George M. Browne, Esq., for services rendered as Counsel in the prosecution of the Rev. Henry W. Adams, and of Messrs. Ide & Dutton, for printing blank notices of the meetings of the Standing Committee.

For the Committee,

CHARLES MASON, *Secretary*.

On motion,

Resolved, That the certificate of Lay Delegates from Christ Church, Plymouth, be recommitted to the Committee on Qualifications, with instructions to report on the same to-morrow.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention adjourn till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Adjourned.

*Trinity Church, May 18, }
9 o'clock, A. M. }*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Isaac W. Hallam, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.

The roll was called by the Secretary, and some members not present yesterday appeared and took their seats.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Rev. Isaac W. Hallam, from the Committee on Qualifications, made the following additional report.

The Committee on Qualifications, to whom was recommended the certificate of the choice of Delegates from St. Thomas Church, Taunton, which did not specify that the Delegates were chosen at a Parish or Vestry Meeting, report that they are satisfied, from the certificate of the Rector, now submitted with this report, that the Delegates were duly chosen and are entitled to their seats.

I. W. HALLAM, *Chairman*.

Which, on motion, was accepted.

The same gentleman offered the following additional report from the same Committee.

The Committee on Qualifications, to whom was referred back the certificate of Lay Delegates from Christ Church, Plymouth, in connection with certain statements of disorganizing procedure in the Parish aforesaid, made upon the floor of this Convention, recommend that, the Delegates not having appeared to claim seats in this body, the certificate in question be laid upon the table, and not entered upon the Journal.

I. W. HALLAM, *Chairman*.

Which, on motion, was accepted.

the Rev. Theodore W. Snow, Secretary of the Board of Missions, made the following Annual Report from that

Report of the Board of Missions.

The Board respectfully presents to the Convention this their eighth Annual Report.

The appropriations for the year, have been as follows :

e Missionary at St. John's Church, East Boston,				\$400
"	"	St. Paul's,	" Otis,	100
"	"	St. Paul's,	" Stockbridge,	} 150
"	"	Trinity,	" Lenox,	
"	"	Trinity,	" Vandeusenville,	100
"	"	St. Peter's,	" Cambridgeport,	150
"	"	Grace,	" Medford,	100
"	"	Grace,	" Chicopee,	100
"	"	St. Luke's,	" Chelsea,	100
"	"	Ascension,	" Fall River,	100
"	"	Trinity,	" Pawtucket,	150
"	"	St. Paul's,	" Nantucket.	150

In our last year's report it was mentioned that the missionary at Pawtucket "had succeeded in raising very nearly, if not all the amount necessary for the completion of the church," and that the consecration of the same, it was hoped that there would be an application for further aid." Our hopes were fully realized on the first point, and the church has been set apart to its holy use. On the second point, however, we were obliged to change our plan, and renew the old appropriation. The change of missionary, and the many little expenses incident to the occupancy of a new church, drew heavily on the resources of the parish, and it compelled to aid once more the enterprise which had been so long carried forward.

It was also reported, last year, that at "Wood's Hole, within the ancient township of Falmouth, a church was under contract, and would be completed in two or three months." This has become the fact, and we now have to congratulate our friends in that town on the possession of a neat and substantial structure, consecrated to the service of God. We were notified of the election

of the Rev. Mr. Flower, of Morgantown, Penn., to the rectorship of the Church, under date of April 11th, and he has been appointed our missionary from the commencement of his labors. There seems, thus far, to have been much good feeling in the town towards this new organization, and we trust that every effort will be made to perpetuate it. Many strangers make this sea-shore place a resort during the Summer months, and not a few of them are attached to our worship, doctrines and discipline.

Chicopee has been restored to our list of stations, and everything promises well there. For some time the Church was closed, and there was great danger of its being sold under the hammer to meet liabilities. We did not think that it should be suffered to remain closed, or to pass into other hands, without a vigorous effort for rescue. An appropriation of a hundred dollars was made for the latter part of the financial year, ending April 1. The friends of the parish, in Chicopee and Springfield, made a combined effort, and by the blessing of a good Providence, everything wears a promising aspect.

To East Boston, our appropriation this year has been large, but not larger than the circumstances of the case seemed to warrant. We are all familiar with the severe and unusual trials which have embarrassed the growth of the Church in that portion of our chief city. To do anything effectually, it must, we thought, be done liberally and vigorously. The \$400.00 voted, were so voted on condition of the parish of St. John's raising \$600.00 for the Rector's salary. This condition was accepted, and the services of the Rev. John Irwin were secured. "The congregation," writes the Rev. gentleman, "has increased to a very considerable degree, and several persons, who previously took no interest in the affairs of our Church, have become regular worshippers with us. Our church building has been completed, and is now in our possession, but we do not purpose to occupy it for a short time, in order to afford opportunity for some internal decorations, and with the hope that we shall speedily be able to collect as much as will place us in a position to present it for consecration." Should the present rate of progress be sustained, we may look for the establishment of a vigorous and influential parish in that important and growing part of the city.

From Fall River, we have good and cheering accounts. Although a large and important loss has been sustained by the removal of several, and some of them highly useful, families, the work has gone steadily forward. The Rector's salary has been increased a hundred dollars. A sufficient amount has been raised to finish the Sunday School and Lecture Room, which is nearly completed, and a stone font has been procured. The Sunday School Library has, moreover, been considerably increased, and the school numbers over a hundred scholars, with an average attendance of nearly a hundred.

From the extreme Western part of the Diocese, the reports of our missionaries give evidence of steady and persevering labors. At the stations and in the population among which their work is to be done, we cannot look for any strongly marked developments from year to year. Suffice it to say that we feel the fullest confidence in their devotion to the task which they have in hand, and that their "work of faith and labor of love," is highly appreciated.

In presenting these reports of our doings, from year to year, we are almost invariably impressed with the idea that, so far as tangible results are concerned, we have but a poor account to render of our stewardship, to the diocese which commits to our charge the responsible duty of a Missionary Board. And yet, when we look back to 1836, the period of our appointment by this body, we feel that our labor has not been in vain in the Lord. Since that date a few of our stations, indeed, have been steadily on our list, and probably always will be, for small amounts. We would not have the light go out in either of them for the lack of a few hundred dollars. But, since that date, we may also see that much has been done in other quarters, which tells of decided success. While under the charge of our missionaries, churches have been built, and services have been more or less sustained in them, in Amesbury, Chicopee, Plymouth, Chelsea, Springfield, Waltham, Medford, Wood's Hole, Charlestown, Lynn, East Boston, Lawrence, Millville, Cambridgeport, Pawtucket, Fall River, Stockbridge, and Nantucket; while rectories have been built or

purchased in Nantucket, Vandeusenville and Quincy, and extensive repairs and improvements have been made at several points. During this time also several churches, now self-sustaining, have received important aid. When we look at these things, our hopes are revived, our energies are re-awakened, and we thank God and take courage. May the great Head of the Church inspire all who may, from time to time, be appointed to this responsible trust, with a holy wisdom, patience, perseverance and faith which shall carry the work steadily forward to the glory of his name and the triumph of his cause.

We are able once again to announce that our Treasury is free from debt.

THEODORE W. SNOW, *Secretary*.

The resolutions offered yesterday by the Rev. John S. Stone, D. D., (page 31) after some debate, were,

On motion, adopted.

The hour having arrived for the order of the day, the house proceeded to the election of a Board of Missions for this Diocese.

The Chair appointed the Rev. William S. Bartlet and Mr. Ira Cleveland, a Committee to collect and count the votes for a Board of Missions.

The Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, presented his annual account. (See Appendix.)

The same gentleman also presented the report of the Secretary of the above Society, as follows.

Report of the Widows' and Orphans' Society.

The Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Massachusetts, as required by its by-laws, presents the following statement of its doings for the past year, to the Convention of this Diocese.

During the year no public meeting has been held. The funds of the Society have all been lately re-invested by a Committee

appointed by the Trustees for that purpose, and have been steadily increasing. For the details of the investments and receipts, reference is made to the Treasurer's annual report, herewith presented. There appears to be an error in the statement of the total receipts of the Society as made last year to the Convention by the Secretary. In that case, as in other cases of discrepancy which may have occurred between the reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer, where the amount of funds is mentioned, the report of the Treasurer should be considered correct.

Since their last report was presented to the Convention, the Society have lost the valuable services of their former Secretary, the Rev. P. H. Greenleaf, on account of his removal from this Diocese.

Before the meeting of the last Convention, an effort had been made to increase the number of Lay members of this Society; and it will be recollected that that Convention voted that the delegations from the several Parishes, both Lay and Clerical, be requested to cause one or more copies of the circular and subscription paper, prepared in behalf of the Society, to be committed to the hands of the Church Wardens in their respective Parishes, for distribution, in order to carry out the plan therein presented. The Society regret to say, that, so far as they are aware, the vote was not carried out, as but one lay member has been added during the year.

Until the interest of the laity is fully awakened to the importance of this Society, its work cannot be accomplished with any commensurate degree of success. If any of the Delegates to this Convention will help to carry out its objects, they can obtain copies of the circulars and subscription papers, not used the last year, by calling upon the Treasurer.

In behalf of the Society,

FRED. H. STIMPSON, *one of the Trustees.*

JAMES C. MERRILL, *Secretary.*

The above report was, on motion, received and ordered to be printed in the Journal.

The Chair appointed the Rev. A. M. Morrison and Mr.

Charles P. Gordon, a Committee to collect and count the votes for a Standing Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of Commissioners for Church Extension, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the following gentlemen be elected as Commissioners for Church Extension.

The Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D. (*Ex officio.*)

CLERGY.

LAITY.

The Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D., William Appleton.

" Alex. H. Vinton, D. D. George M. Dexter.

" John Wayland, D. D. Ebenezer Rhodes.

On motion,

Resolved, That, in the election of a Board of Missions to Seamen, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the following gentlemen compose the Board of Missions to Seamen for the ensuing year.

The Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D. (*Ex officio.*)

The Rev. George D. Wildes, George A. Brown,

" Wm. T. Smithett. Richard Girdler,

Messrs. Benjamin C. Clark, George M. Browne,

" Martin L. Bradford, Benjamin P. Richardson,

" Foster Waterman; Wm. R. Lawrence, M. D.

On motion,

Resolved, That the various Parishes in the Diocese be recommended to make an annual collection in behalf of the Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, at some time during the next Lenten season.

The Rev. Mr. Cutler, from the Executive Committee, made the following report :

The Executive Committee, whose duty it is to propose

to the Convention the time and place of the next annual meeting, together with the name of the preacher for the occasion, respectfully recommend that the second Wednesday in June, 1855, at 10 o'clock, A. M., be the time, and Trinity Church, Boston, the place, for the meeting of the next Convention; and that the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock be the preacher for the occasion, and the Rev. John Wayland, D. D., be the substitute.

The question coming up on the acceptance of this report, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, That the question be first taken on the time recommended in this report.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report be amended so as to read, that the time for holding the next annual Convention of this Diocese, be the second Wednesday in January, 1855.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report of the Executive Committee, as amended, be adopted.

Mr. Charles P. Gordon, from the Committee appointed to collect and count the votes for Standing Committee, reported that the Convention had made choice of the following:

Standing Committee.

CLERGY.

The Rev. Alex. H. Vinton, D. D.,

" George M. Randall,

" Charles Mason,

LAITY.

Geo. M. Dexter,

Otis Daniell,

and that there is one vacancy in the lay members.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Francis Hilliard, having the highest number on the vote for lay members, be declared elected.

The Rev. Mr. Bartlet, from the Committee appointed

to collect and count the votes for a Board of Missions, reported that the Convention have made choice of the following gentlemen :

Board of Missions.

RT. REV. Manton Eastburn, D. D., (*Ex Officio.*)

CLERGY.

LAITY.

The Rev. Charles Mason,

Otis Daniell,

" John Wayland, D. D.

James B. Dow,

" Thomas F. Fales,

Geo. M. Dexter,

" Joseph H. Clinch,

Chas. H. Parker,

" George M. Randall,

" Theodore W. Snow,

and that there is one clerical vacancy.

On motion,

Resolved, That, in filling the above vacancy, balloting be dispensed with, and that the Rev. William Horton, having the highest number of ballots, be declared elected.

The following resolution, having been offered by the Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D.,

Resolved, That the Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors, Boston, which applied for admission into union with the Convention in 1852, before the passing of the Canon of that year on the subject of admission of new Parishes, be, and the same is, hereby admitted into union with this Convention,

A debate ensued upon its adoption.

The Chair having declared the resolution out of order, an appeal was made from this decision.

After considerable debate, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, That the decision of the Chair be sustained.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention adjourn to 4 o'clock, this P. M.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning Session were read and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Hoppin, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report :

The Committee on Unfinished Business, report that the proposed Canon " for the discipline and trial of presbyters and deacons," reported at the last Convention, was referred for consideration at the present session ; and that notice was given of an amendment of Article III. of Constitution, so as to read, in the 2nd clause of the last section, after " provided," *that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay delegate, who is a Candidate for Holy orders, nor unless, &c.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the subject of amendment of the Canon respecting the trial of Clergymen, be indefinitely postponed.

An application was made for the admission of the Church of St. Mary for Sailors into union with this Convention, which,

On motion, was referred to the Committee on new Parishes.

A Communication was handed in and read from the Delegates from Christ Church, Plymouth, in reference to the report of the Committee on Qualifications, on page 34.

The Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., from the Finance Committee, made the following report :

The Committee on Finance report the examination and approval of the account of the late Treasurer, Rev. Theodore W. Snow.

The outstanding accounts and bills now due, so much

exceed the income of the year, that your committee do not feel authorized to make any of the usual appropriations for travelling expenses.

ASA EATON,
BENJAMIN P. RICHARDSON,
BENJAMIN WOODWARD.

On motion,

Resolved, That the vote, by which the application of the Free Church of St. Mary for admission into union with this Convention was referred to the Committee on new Parishes, be reconsidered.

On motion,

Resolved, That the above application be referred to a Special Committee of three persons.

The Chair nominated the following persons to form this Committee,—the Rev. Thomas F. Fales, the Rev. William Horton, and Mr. Charles McBurney.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Canon of 1852, entitled, "Of the admission of new Parishes into union with this Convention," be referred to a special committee of three persons, to report to the next Convention.

The Chair appointed the following persons as the Committee on the Canon of 1852, Of the admission of new Parishes,—the Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D. D., Messrs. R. H. Dana, Jr., and George M. Browne.

The Rev. Thomas F. Fales, from the Special Committee on the application of the Free Church of St. Mary to be received into union with this Convention, made the following report :

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the application of the Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors, report, that they have examined said application and find it to accord with the tenth article of the Constitution, containing a written statement, subscribed by the Wardens

and a majority of the Vestry, that they have been duly organized for the space of more than one year, and that during that time they have held regular public services, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report of the Finance Committee be recommitted to them, with instructions to recommend the payment of the travelling expenses of clergymen.

On motion,

Resolved, That the proposed alteration of Article III. of the Constitution, laid over from last year, (see p. 34 of the Journal of 1853,) be indefinitely postponed.

On motion,

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the Journal be printed, and that the Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention be a Committee to procure the printing of the Journal.

The Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., from the Finance Committee, reported that this Committee beg respectfully to decline complying with the recommendation of the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the vote be re-considered by which 1000 copies of the Journal were ordered to be printed.

On motion,

Resolved, That 600 copies of the Journal be printed for the present year.

On motion,

Resolved, That an extra assessment of one half per centum on the salary of the clergy, be laid upon the several Parishes of the Diocese.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to this Con-

vention, and of those of the clerical Deputies to the General Convention.

The Committee on Qualifications, asked leave to withdraw their report in reference to the delegation from Plymouth, as that report was founded in error.

Which request was, on motion, granted.

The memorial from the Lay Delegates from Christ Church, Plymouth, having been referred to the Committee on Qualifications, that Committee requested that, owing to the lateness of the hour, and the difficulties attending any inquiry into the subject, they be released from any further consideration of the subject.

Which request was, on motion, granted.

On motion,

Resolved, That after the usual religious services this Convention adjourn.

The minutes of the Session were read and approved.

The 103d Hymn, with the Doxology, was then sung, and after prayer and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest,

JOSEPH H. CLINCH, *Secretary*.

JUSTIN FIELD, *Assistant Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Suffolk County.

Trinity Church, Boston.

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rector.

THE REV. JOHN COTTON SMITH, Assistant Minister on the
Greene Foundation.

Baptisms, (adult 1, infants 25,) 26. Marriages, 8. Burials, 20. Confirmed, 18. Communicants, 352. Sunday Scholars and Bible Class, 124; Superintendent and Teachers, 20.

The contributions, so far as known, have been as follows:—
Communion Offerings, \$675.20; Diocesan Missions, \$458; Church Building, and Parsonages, \$1498; Board of Missions for Seamen, \$291.75; Foreign Missions, \$175.25; Missions in the Diocese of Maine, \$19.21; Bishop Scott, for Missionary purposes in Oregon, \$100; Jubilee College, \$100; American Sunday School Union, \$201.50; Trinity Church Charitable Society for clothing the poor, \$159; Collected at the Price Lectures, \$100.41; Boston Young Men's Christian Association, \$150; Towards purchase of Prayer Books, Tracts, and Sunday School Libraries, \$45; Collection for sufferers at Mobile, \$127.25; Other Charitable objects, \$137; Subscriptions for the new Sunday School Building and Vestry Room, commenced and completed since the last Convention, \$5000. The Ladies'

Missionary Association continue their zealous labors in aid of Diocesan Missions, and of the building of churches; and the Sunday scholars, as heretofore, contribute on every Sunday to the cause of Foreign Missions, besides a special Christmas Offering to the same object.

The total amount of contributions is \$9237.57.

Christ Church, Boston.

THE REV. W. T. SMITHETT, Rector.

Baptisms, 47. Marriages, 29. Burials, 33. Communicants, died and removed, 9; added 14; present number 94. Confirmed, 9. Sunday Scholars, 102; Sunday School Teachers, 14; Librarians, 2; and 1 Superintendent. Books in S. S. Library, 478; in Parish Library, 458. Church Offerings, &c.: Foreign Missions, \$25; Education of child in China, \$25; Massachusetts Board, \$34.50; Missions in the West, \$20; Seamen's Board, \$56; for Mobile sufferers, \$17; New York Bible and Prayer Book Society, \$9; Widows and Orphans Society, \$10; For Church Building Purposes in Maine, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and New York, \$35; For Sunday School Books, &c., \$55.50; Parish Purposes, \$32; Communion Alms, \$91.10; Young Ladies' Society, (for Sunday School,) \$14; Fragment Society, (clothing for the poor,) \$40; for Roofing, Carpeting, and Refitting Church and Sunday School, \$1012; Total, \$1476.10.

The Rector and Corporation have to acknowledge again, the same liberal aid from those friends of this parish, who have, for two years past, so generously contributed towards the current expenses of the Church. The parish continues in about the same condition as presented in the Report of 1853, as the foregoing figures will show. There have been, however, unusually large contributions made; arising from the extraordinary call for the preservation of the Church edifice from decay, and the necessary work consequent thereon. In proportion to the means within the parish, an active missionary spirit also largely prevails. May it long continue to the furtherance of God's glory, and the salvation of men.

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

THE REV. ALEXANDER H. VINTON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, 6. Communicants : added, 40 ; died, 8 ; removed, 41 ; present number, 343. Confirmed, 17. Married, 5. Buried, 13. Sunday School and Bible Classes : Teachers, 35 ; pupils, 170 ; Female adult Bible Class, 70. Charities : Foreign Missions, \$501.60. ; Domestic Missions, \$555 ; Diocesan Missions, \$779.45 ; City Missions, \$500 ; Seamen's Mission, \$236.69 ; Young Men's Christian Association, \$500 ; Education of Students, \$250 ; Sunday Schools at the West, \$300 ; Colporteurs, \$450 ; Clerical Fund, \$100 ; Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$100 ; Communion Offertory, \$598.50.

The gifts of the parish to other objects, and through other channels, are estimated to be about the same as last year, although from the absence of the Rector, for six months, this estimate is not made with usual accuracy.

The Church has been closed during five months for repairs and adornment, by which it has been in several respects much improved.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

THE REV. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 57, adults 2,) 59. Communicants : added, 10 ; died or removed, 24 ; present number, 64. Confirmed, 0. Marriages, 13. Burials, 32. Sunday School Scholars, 112. Contributions for religious purposes, \$157.97.

Nothing of special importance has occurred in this parish during the past year. The above statistics are about the usual average, with the exception of communicants ; several names having been this year erased from the list of persons who were only nominally or casually connected with the parish. The Sunday School is in a very flourishing condition ; and two Bible classes are now in operation, one connected with the Sunday School, and one of adult members, which meets regularly during the week.

Grace Church, Boston.

THE REV. CHARLES MASON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 18, adults 5,) 23. Communicants: added, 32; died or removed, 26; present number, about 205. Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 11. Burials, 14. Sunday School: Teachers, 22; Scholars, 140. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$285; Diocesan Board, \$108; Seamen's Mission, about \$100; Sufferers at Mobile, \$80. Church Building, \$250. Communion Alms, \$355; other Parochial Offerings for the poor, \$200. Total \$1378.

During the past year measures have been commenced to liquidate the parish debt, and they are still in progress. The sums already subscribed in the parish for this purpose exceed \$6000, and several persons who worship elsewhere have liberally responded to the movement by the gift of pews. The effort made by ladies of the parish for the temporal and spiritual good of the poor, has continued with increased activity and interest. Many poor people have been regularly visited, provided with clothing for the children, and assisted in other ways. With temporal aid, religious instruction and counsel have been united. Much has been received for these purposes, not included in the preceding report.

The Sunday School is in a good condition, and I continue to have in it the co-operation of many earnest and faithful Teachers.

Church of the Messiah, Boston.

THE REV. GEORGE M. RANDALL, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 34, adults 5,) 39. Communicants: added, 54; died or removed, 50; present number, 250. Confirmed, 19. Marriages, 26. Burials, 17. Sunday School: Scholars, 247; Teachers, 30; Superintendent and two Librarians. Total, 280. Contributions: Communion alms, \$252.73. Weekly Offerings, \$321.80,—of which \$100 were appropriated in aid of the erection of new churches; \$25 to Diocesan Missions; \$35 to Foreign Missions, and \$33.50 to the Society for the relief of the

Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen. Ladies' circle, \$44. Collections in the Sunday School, \$86.16, of which \$40 were devoted to the education of two children in Africa. Other collections for the Sunday School, \$70.85. Total, \$775.54.

Sunday, May 14th, completed the *tenth* year of my Rectorship of this parish. At the commencement of my ministry here, there were *fifty* communicants. Since that time, *four hundred and seventy* have been added to the Communion, making a total of *five hundred and twenty*. Of this number, 36 have died, 177 have removed, leaving the present number 250.

256 have been baptized, of which 34 were adults; 144 have been confirmed;—146 Funerals;—116 marriages. The Sunday School has increased from 100 to 247. Upwards of *nine hundred* different children and adults have been instructed in the Sunday School. The Weekly Offerings have amounted to \$2437.98. The Communion alms, \$1324.31. Sunday School Collections, upwards of \$500. The Ladies have raised more than a thousand dollars. A substantial Church edifice of stone and brick, capable of seating a congregation of *seven hundred* persons, has been built and paid for.

These statistics clearly indicate the abounding blessing of God upon the parish and its minister, who records with devout thankfulness to the Giver of all Good, his grateful acknowledgments for the many tokens of affectionate regard, which from time to time, he has received from the people of his charge, and especially for the very liberal increase of his salary since Easter.

In view of what has been accomplished, in this new parish, by the Divine Blessing, on the use of appointed means, we may truly say:—" *Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.*"

Church of the Advent, Boston.

THE RIGHT REV. HORATIO SOUTHGATE, D. D., Rector.

THE REV. M. P. STICKNEY, Priest Associate.

THE REV. PHILIP TOCQUE, Deacon Associate.

Baptisms, (children 34, adults 13,) 47. Communicants: added 60; died or removed, 19; present number, 351. Confirmed,

none; the Church not having been visited by the Bishop. Several of the Parishioners have sought Confirmation in other Parishes of this Diocese, or in other Dioceses; but the number of them is not certainly known to the Rector; and they are, doubtless, included in the Reports of the Churches where they have been confirmed. However, the greater part of the candidates for Confirmation in this Parish await their Bishop's compliance with the Canon on Episcopal Visitations. Marriages, 8. Burials, 29. Sunday School: One Superintendent, (the Rector;) one lay Assistant; two Librarians; 21 Teachers; 127 Scholars. Offerings: on Sundays, \$6331; on Fasts and Feasts, \$1087; special, for the Poor, \$1058; other Offerings, (including \$520; the receipts of the Church Guild since its organization,) \$615. Total, \$9091. Of these Offerings, \$3501 have been appropriated to charitable uses within and without the Diocese. The Fund for the building of a new Church has been increased, during the year, by the sum of \$1500. Its present amount is about \$30-000. The course of the Parish has been uninterruptedly prosperous. The number of Parishioners, Communicants and Sunday Scholars has largely increased. The Daily service of Morning and Evening Prayer has been sustained, and the attendance upon it has improved. The Holy Communion has been celebrated on the first Sunday of every month and on every Festival. Sermons have been preached on all Sundays, Feasts and principal Fasts, twice weekly during Lent, and daily in Passion Week, excepting the evening of Maundy-Thursday, when the Holy Communion was celebrated. The Feast of the Innocents was observed with special commemoration by the children of the congregation. One hundred and fifty Sermons have been preached in the Church during the year, making an average of nearly three Sermons a week. This frequency of preaching is almost a necessary result of the Daily service. A Church Guild has been formed, including, in distinct departments, men and women of the Parish. It numbers, at present, 78 members. Through its agency, a Parish School has been commenced, and is now in successful operation, with two Teachers and fifty three Scholars. The Guild has acted most beneficially in systematizing and extending the charities of the Parish.

In looking back upon the year, we have abundant cause for gratitude in view of the rich and peculiar tokens of the divine goodness to us. A deeper spirit of devotion appears among the Parishioners; a more active zeal is displayed; good works, which are the life of faith, are increased; and a happy harmony and unity mark our course of quiet and healthful progress. We remain, as we have ever stood, in the exact performance of all that the Church has prescribed, content with her ministrations, loving her faith, and abiding steadfast in her worship.

St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

THE REV. E. M. P. WELLS, D. D., Minister.

THE REV. EDWARD A. RENOUF, Assistant.

Baptisms, 88. Confirmed, 10. Communicants about 240. Communion celebrated 22 times. Marriages, 41. Burials, 55. Sunday School, not varying materially from last year. Amount given for Church benevolent purposes, \$1300.00. Services of the Church celebrated 770 times; Sermons preached, 191.

St. John's Church, East Boston.

THE REV. JOHN IRWIN, Rector.

During the nine months of my incumbency, 30 infants have been baptized, 6 persons confirmed, 3 marriages have been solemnized, and 8 individuals have been buried.

On my arrival to take charge of the parish, I found the Sunday School, from various causes, scarcely existing more than in name. The number of scholars now in attendance, is 49.

Of the communicants previously registered, 1 has left the Church, and 9 have removed from this parish. 8 Communicants, however, have been added, leaving a total of 46.

During the past nine months, \$26 have been contributed by the parish, for Diocesan Missions, \$8 for Foreign Missions, \$5.40 for aged and infirm Clergymen, and \$5 for the Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, besides a collection of \$10.95 towards the Special Mission of the Eastern District Church Missionary Association;

making a total, contributed for missionary and kindred purposes, of \$55.35. For charitable and other objects connected with the expenses of public worship, \$40.32 have been contributed. Towards the completion of the new church, in occasional offerings, \$60.26; whilst the ladies of the sewing circle have realized \$153.06 from their sale held in January last, which sum is to be appropriated to the furnishing of the church.

With respect to the *general prospects* of the parish, I have to state that there seems to be every probability of ultimate success. The congregation has increased considerably since my arrival. The church is just completed, and will, as we hope, be shortly consecrated. I have been able to hold, generally, a weekly service, in addition to the two ordinary Sunday services, and frequently have lectured on Sunday evenings. I have found, on the whole, a greater interest manifested in religious duties and worship, and am thus led to hope for the Divine blessing on my labors in this place.

St. Mark's Church, Boston.

[No Report.]

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts:

What single conception is more fraught with spirit-stirring associations, than the sea? The mighty, heaving, surging, measureless, ever-varying, sea! Great, trackless, boundless, highway of the living! Great, deep, charnel house of the dead! We have heard and read much of the maid of the sea. The naturalist has sought to ascertain her home and habits—the world has run mad with curiosity to behold her face and form. The *maid* of the sea is a fable. But the *man* of the sea is a sure reality; an interesting reality. The *maid* of the sea is a strange and beautiful imagination; but the *man* of the sea is a being of substantial flesh and bones; of immortal life! Oh, had we adequate interest for his welfare, who enjoy the rich productions of other climes, which his daring and intrepidity has procured,—we should the more sympathize in his troubles, elevate his character, and make him the

proper representation of our honor, justice, humanity, and religion. Who are they that go forth to visit the world? That come to the isles of the sea? They are the men of the sea. And how do they speak to the inhabitants of the barbarous isles, or the men of strange speech, in the far ends of the earth? By their actions. By the smile of kindness, or the frown of anger; by their virtues, or their vices; by their prayers, or their curses. Mighty for evil, or for good, is, and ever must be, the influence of the *man* of the sea, on the savage, semi-barbarous, and unevangelized nations. And it is this, which makes him an object of such interest to the philanthropist, and the Christian. Was it not this which prompted to the appointment of the Board of Missions for Seamen? Has it not been this, which has urged them on in their labors, and the friends of this Mission in their donations? And is it not this, which, by the grace of God, has nerved and encouraged your Chaplain in his self-denying but interesting duties?

The Episcopal Mission for Seamen has, during the past year, continued to exert its benign influence in behalf of those, for whose benefit it was commenced; and although the fruits have not been so many, and so rich, as may have been desired, it has not been without incidents of deep and abiding interest.

Among these was the baptism and confirmation of a young man who had remembered the instruction given at the chapel, and returned, resolved to make a public profession of his faith in Christ, the first opportunity on reaching land. He has done so, and is now a communicant. In March, he left this port, the first mate of a large ship, on his way to Europe. A letter has been received from him, dated at Havana, of which the following is an extract: "We arrived here ten days after leaving Boston, and had rather a pleasant passage. I must acknowledge I have never felt happier or more contented. I enjoy perfect health, for which I trust I feel thankful; and if I obtain grace to follow your kind directions, and remember your fatherly admonitions, contained in your affectionate letter given me the last Sunday evening, I hope I shall always have the peace of mind and contentment which I now possess. I devote as much of my time as I can get, to the reading of the Prayers, the daily Psalms, the New Testament,

during week days, praying for grace and blessing to strengthen and guide me ; and I trust I do so in the true spirit of faith in our Saviour alone, conscious of my own incapability, and unworthiness of doing so myself. On Sundays I feel a spirit of happiness, whilst reading the Morning and Evening service, with the Lessons appointed for the day, in knowing that you, sir, and your family, the only persons from whom I have received kindness since I left my own mother, are engaged in the same devotions."

Many sailors have called on me at the chapel during the week, who have been conversed and prayed with. Some have left apparently much solemnized ; and some have expressed the determination not to neglect their souls, but attend to the one thing needful.

Chelsea Hospital has been visited weekly, much to my own profit, and, it is believed, to the spiritual benefit of its inmates. One man asked for a pious book, saying that "he had resolved to mend his ways." Another, quite sick, said he had been so wicked, he felt afraid to go to God, and ask him to do anything for him, and feared there was no mercy for him. The freeness and fulness of salvation was opened up to him. Another, while conversed with, gave evident signs of deep feeling, while the tears coursed their way down his weather-beaten face ; his language was, "what must I do to be saved ?" He was pointed to the Saviour.

Much out-door labor among sailors, has been given the past year, and the gospel carried to those who were not disposed to come where it was preached.

In October last, a meeting for prayer, exhortation, and preaching, was commenced at a sailor boarding house in Ann street, and continued weekly ; this effort has been crowned with encouraging success.

Considerable visitation among the poor has been observed ; in several instances with marked interest. One woman, it is believed, on a sick, and perhaps dying bed, has received the truth in the love of it, taken the Saviour for her portion, and resolved to be a disciple of the meek and lowly Jesus. She has received both ordinances of the Church.

Besides the confirmation mentioned above, four others were confirmed by the Bishop, on Thursday evening of Passion Week ; a fifth would have been, but for sickness.

It was reported last year, that there were 12 Communicants attached to the Chapel ; one has died, one withdrawn, and 13 have been added, making now the whole number 23.

The morning congregation has increased, and is becoming more permanent. In the evening it has varied according to the number of Seamen in port, and the exertions made to invite them in. The attendance, at times, has been very encouraging.

The statistics have been as follows :—Baptisms, adults, 3. Funerals, 5. Marriages, 5. Distributed, Bibles : English, 71 ; Portuguese, 4. Testaments : English, 34 ; German, 2 ; Portuguese, 59 ; Swedish, 1 ; Italian, 1. Total, Testaments, 97 ; Volumes, 107. Total, books, 363. Pamphlets, 621. Pages of Tracts, English, 22,947 ; Foreign, 4,499. Religious and Temperance Papers, 812. Articles of clothing, 222 pieces. Through the kindness of several friends of the Mission, 175 Temperance Maps have been distributed, and several needy sailors and other poor, have been assisted, to the amount of \$37.26.

In concluding this ninth Annual Report of the Mission, your Chaplain desires to thank God for the good accomplished. He feels that his labors have been crowned with success ; that the Great Head of the Church has owned his efforts for the promotion of His Glory in the good of souls ; and he feels, what to him is highly encouraging, that he is collecting around him a praying people, who are looking to God for His blessing on the exertions made for the good of Seamen. To God be all the glory. Amen.

C. WILTBERGER, *Chaplain.*

Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors.

[Not in Union with the Convention.]

THE REV. JOHN P. ROBINSON, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 28. Communicants, 72. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 23.

Public services have been held in the church every Sunday

morning and evening, and on the mornings of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Thursday of every week has been appropriated, as usual, to the Marine Hospital, Chelsea. Other occasional visits, for funerals, have been made.

A large number of shipwrecked seamen and their families have been relieved, according to our ability. Two hundred and forty-five dollars have passed through the offertory for charitable purposes; of this sum, fifty dollars were from a devoted friend of the sailor in Boston, thirty from Cambridge, twenty-five from New Hampshire, ninety-seven from Capt. R. B. Forbes. Of the sum from Capt. Forbes, seventy-two dollars were, by his direction, divided among three seamen in the Hospital; fifty-two of it to Mr. Anderson, whose leg was badly fractured at the time of the wreck of the steamer San Francisco, he then being at the wheel; and ten dollars to each of the seamen wrecked on Marshfield beach, last December, when their feet and hands were frozen. Twenty-five dollars from the late Miss Green, to purchase Prayer Books; fifteen from the same, for the sick; and two dollars and fifty cents from Miss Townsend. Various kind friends have sent us material for manufacture—one firm, a valuable piece of heavy cloth, 27 1-2 yards, for pea-jackets; another, flannel and cotton cloth; while a number of ladies have busily plied their needles, making up garments for the naked and destitute.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of St. John's Church, Charlestown, have remembered us, in a valuable package of flannel shirts and drawers, part of which were at once appropriated to the survivors of the Orin St. John, taken from the wreck on the tenth day, after eating a portion of the flesh of a shipmate, to prolong their lives.

A liberal donation has been received from our old friends of the Ladies' Dorcas Society of St. James's Church, Roxbury.

Three hundred and thirty-six articles of clothing have been given to shipwrecked and destitute seamen, and other needy persons. These include coats, pants, shirts, drawers, stockings, &c.

To seamen going to sea, have been given, 432 Bibles, 407 Testaments, 307 Prayer-books, 730 other volumes, and many thousand pages of tracts.

Of the Bibles, 280 were English, 25 Swedish, 17 Danish, 15 German, 40 Spanish, 43 Portuguese, 5 French, and 7 Italian.

Testaments, 206 English, 19 Swedish, 15 Danish, 10 German, 116 Spanish, 87 Portuguese, 5 French, and 9 Italian.

How widely may the pure Word of God be, in this unostentatious way, introduced among the common people of many countries, where the civil or ecclesiastical authorities dare to forbid its study. May the blessing of the Holy Spirit, who gave this precious volume to mankind, attend and bless the seed thus sown, and make it fruitful in many hearts, to their eternal welfare.

The attendance of the Seamen, for a portion of the year, has not been as large as the preceding year, owing to the scarcity of Seamen in port. For the last two months, we have had a much larger attendance.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

The undersigned respectfully reports that since the last Convention he has continued to officiate regularly as Chaplain of the House of Correction. He has preached twice every Sunday to a congregation of prisoners exceeding five hundred in number, who listen with marked attention and apparent interest to the saving truths of the Gospel. A portion of each day during the week is occupied in personal interviews with them, following up the instructions which they receive on the Sabbath, and imparting such counsel and admonitions as their cases require.

The number committed to this Institution exceeds one thousand a year. These are all under the care of the Chaplain who acts as their religious instructor and spiritual adviser. It is a field which affords great opportunities for usefulness to one who is willing to relinquish the pleasant associations of a regular parish Church, to mingle with criminals and devote himself to the work of reforming and saving the wretched and the lost.

Baptisms, in the Institution, infants, 5. Burials, 8. Marriages, 1.

J. T. BURRILL,
Chaplain of House of Correction.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.

THE REV. WM. S. BARTLET, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 15, adults 1,) 16. Communicants: added, 19; died or removed, 13; present number, 60. Marriages, 4. Burials, 10. Sunday School Scholars, 47. . . Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$17.92. Other contributions for religious purposes: \$8.37, by Sunday School Scholars, for Library and Instruction Books for themselves; \$13.16, contributed in Church, for a local charitable society; \$45.19, Communion Alms.

Services have been held every Sunday, without intermission, during the past year. By the kind assistance of my clerical brethren in Boston and vicinity, I have been enabled to have a third service on Sunday, for nearly six months of that time.

There have been quite a number of persons added to the Parish during the past year; but so many of the parishioners have removed from town during that period, that our increase in numbers has not been great.

Only four heads of families remain of those who were with us twelve years since. It is to be hoped, however, that our future increase in numbers will be of a more permanent character than it has been hitherto, and that ere long, the present Church building may be entirely filled.

*Essex County.**St. Peter's Church, Salem.*

THE REV. GEORGE LEEDS, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 14, adults 5,) 19. Confirmed, 9. Communicants: added, 15; died or removed, 15; present number, 240. Marriages, 3. Burials, 15. Sunday School: Teachers, 18; Scholars, 120. Contributions: To General Missions, (of which \$30 from the Sunday School,) \$230.00; Diocesan Missions, \$120.00; Mission for Seamen, \$70.00; Church building in destitute places, \$166.00; Society for the relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$70.00; Fund for Aged

and Indigent Clergymen, \$40.00; Aid to a Student preparing for Holy Orders, \$25; To Sunday School of the Parish, \$68.34; Prayer Books and Tracts for Distribution, \$40.57; Communion Alms, 279.09; other Charitable Collections, \$193.00. Total, \$1,302.00.

The present incumbent entered upon the charge of St. Peter's Church in September last. He found the Parish overflowing in numbers—the fruit, under God, of the very faithful labors of those preceding him in the field of duty.

In returning to a sphere in which he passed his diaconate—for the greater part at least—doing service in the absence of its much valued Rector, he has been painfully impressed with the spoils of time, as well in this, as in other places. In the harmony, prosperity, and continued spiritual life of this ancient Church, there is much to awaken his deepest gratitude. The promptness and liberality with which the appeal of want is uniformly responded to by the congregation, is exceedingly cheering; while a constant and thoughtful attention to the means of grace, gives promise of good. The number reported as having been confirmed, is part of a much larger number, preparing to renew their baptismal vows.

There have been but few removals from the Parish during the year; but the Rector, observing upon the list of Communicants the names of many no longer resident within its limits, reports the same as having withdrawn to other sections of the Church.

With several of his brethren in this vicinity, he has the happiness to state, that the amount of his salary was increased at Easter, unasked and unprompted on his own behalf; thus evincing in his charge, a common sentiment with that beginning to be diffused among an intelligent and liberal laity.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

THE REV. JOHN B. RICHMOND, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 11. Communicants: added, 6; died, 3; removed, 5; dismissed, 1; present number, 78. Marriages, 8. Burials 5. Sunday School: Teachers, 10; Scholars, 73. Collections at the Offertory, \$106.59. Contributions: Rev. William

Miller, of Indiana, towards building a Church, \$30.00; Domestic Missions, \$25.00; Diocesan, \$8.73; Rev. Mr. Withington's Church, Swansea, \$3.50.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

THE REV. WILLIAM HORTON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 16, adults 2,) 18. Confirmed, 5. Communicants: number on Record, 89; added, since September 1, 1853, 10; died, 5; present number, 94. Marriages, 4. Burials, 16. Sunday School Scholars, 80. Offerings as follows: Poor Fund and Communion Alms, \$230.31; Diocesan Missions, \$26.08; Domestic Missions, General Board, \$15.00; Foreign Missions, General Board, \$28.60; Contribution of Sunday School, for Africa, \$10.00. Total, \$309.99.

On the 1st day of September 1853, the present incumbent, upon invitation of the Parish, took charge of the Rectorship of this Church, which for the two previous years had been vacant. During this period, the public services were regularly performed, by various clergymen of the Church. Among these, it is proper to particularize Rev. Geo. T. Chapman, D. D., who officiated very frequently, and with great acceptance, in the public services of the Church, and also discharged many necessary parochial duties.

St. James's Church, Amesbury.

THE REV. BENJAMIN AUSTIN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adults 2,) 8. Communicants: added, 10; removed, 9; present number, 49. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 5. Burials 6. Sunday School, 68. Contributions: for Diocesan Missions, \$8.20; for Diocesan Society for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$4.00; for Prayer Book and Tract Distribution, \$5.15; for a local Charitable Society, \$7.16; for Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri, by the Rev. Mr. Estes, \$5.00; for a sick and destitute family, \$16.00; Communion Alms not specially designated, \$7.91.

The above items comprehend the charitable offerings for the year. In addition, \$41.77 has been raised for the making and partially furnishing a Lecture Room beneath the Church, \$12.00 for Improvements in the Church itself, and \$70.13 for various Parochial objects. Besides this, the Rector desires in this place gratefully to acknowledge the reception of \$100; as a gift from the Ladies of the Parish. Amount raised in Parish for extra Parochial purposes, \$53.42. Total for all religious purposes; \$277.32. Our thanks are due to the Bishop, and to the Hon. Edward S. Rand, for favors during the year.

The present congregation of St. James's Church varies in number from one to two hundred. It is composed chiefly of persons employed by the Amesbury and Salisbury manufacturing corporations, and though the Church in this place for several years has been self supporting, it is sustained with effort.

We are not altogether without indications of the Divine Blessing, and the immediate prospects of the Parish are all encouraging.

May the Lord "increase in us true religion," and give us Grace to praise His Holy name for the mercies of the past, and to trust His love for the issues of the future.

Christ Church, Andover.

THE REV. SAMUEL FULLER, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 10. Communicants: added, 13; removed, 3; present number, 90. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 5. Burials, 11. Sunday School Scholars, 80. Missionary and other Contributions: General Board, \$132.34, viz., for support of two native scholars at Cape Palmas, \$40; Foreign Committee, \$56.59; Domestic, \$35.75; towards support of Episcopate of Indiana, \$20; Diocesan Board, \$36.81; Theological Education, \$25; Diocesan Society for relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, \$24.22; Parish Library, \$21.06; Parish Sunday School, \$9.23; Books, Papers, and Tracts, distributed in the congregation, \$23.59; other objects within the parish, \$45.51. Total, \$337.76.

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.

THE REV. ISAAC W. HALLAM, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 11,) 13. Communicants: added, 8; removed, 6; present number, 51. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 7. Burials, 3. Sunday School Scholars, 39. Contributions: Offertory, \$27.26; Ladies' Sewing Society, \$39; Repairs on the Church, \$20. Total, \$86.26.

The increase in the congregation attached to this parish, always small, has been greater during the past year than for several preceding years. In other respects there has been no material change in its condition.

Grace Church, Lawrence.

THE REV. GEORGE PACKARD, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 27, adults 2,) 29. Communicants: added, 25; died or removed, 13; present number, 104. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 16. Burials, 16. Sunday School:—Teachers, 17; Scholars, 92. Missionary and other Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$20; Missions in Maine, \$25; American Sunday School Union, \$15; Contribution of a parishioner to the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$25; Clergyman laboring in Massachusetts, \$13.82; Offertory, \$136.41; Ladies' Sewing Circle, \$210. Total, \$445.23.

The Parish at its annual Easter meeting was reported free from debt. This result was effected by extra effort on the part of the Gentlemen, assisted by the liberal contributions of the Ladies, who seem never weary in well doing. The Parish, having no liabilities prior to April 1,—owning two lots of land, upon one of which is a stone Church, and upon the other, the wooden building formerly occupied by us for Divine Service,—now used for a Sunday School and Lecture Room, may surely be reported as highly favored in mere temporalities. In spiritual things, we are not what we should be. Though the Parish is made up, in an unusual degree, of young families, furnishing, as yet, no can-

didates for Confirmation, still there are many who are neglecting an acknowledged duty. May the Lord grant them his grace, and they be constrained to avow themselves on the Lord's side.

A Parochial Association was formed in June, 1853, which has met our expectations. A Tract and a religious Paper have been distributed monthly, and collections have been gathered to the amount of \$141.18, for the payment of the Tracts and papers, and for missionay and benevolent purposes. Two hundred and fifty-eight pages of valuable religious reading have been placed in each family, and an average of 100 copies of the Parish Visitor have been circulated monthly. The seed of Divine truth thus sown, will spring up, as we trust, to the glory of God's grace, and the advancement of the Church.

Middlesex County.

Christ Church, Cambridge.

THE REV. N. HOPPIN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 26, adults 4,) 30. Communicants: added, 19; died or removed, 12; present number, 141. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 4. Burials, 11. Sunday School Scholars, 37. Missionary Contributions: General Domestic Board, \$77; General Foreign Board, \$66; Society for Relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen, \$25; Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$25; other religious and charitable contributions, \$830.34. Total, \$523.34.

The want of more room, mentioned in former reports, is yet only partly supplied. The local extent of the parish is large, and the call for parochial services much increased.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.

[No Report.]

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

THE REV. THEODORE EDSON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 57, adults 13,) 70. Communicants: added, 40; died or removed, 24; present number, 366. Confirmed,

34. Marriages, 31. Burials, 43. Sunday School Pupils, 250. Contributions for religious purposes, about \$400.

The above statistics may be considered a very fair expression of the condition of the parish, unless it should be thought that the number of pupils falls short of the zealous, judicious and successful labors of our excellent corps of Sunday School Teachers and Superintendents.

St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls.

THE REV. ANDREW CROSWELL, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 22, adults 2,) 24. Communicants : added, 15 ; died or removed, 5 ; present number, 122. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 2. Burials, 13. Sunday School Scholars, 110. Missionary Contributions : General Board, \$70.45 ; Mass. Board, \$25.00 ; other Contributions for religious purposes, \$57.98. Total, \$153.43.

The condition of this Parish may be considered highly prosperous. It gives evidence of permanent strength, and steady growth. Its loss by removal is small, and it is most favorably situated for the accession of new residents. Already large in numbers, at peace among ourselves, and not destitute of those who are willing to give of their ability to the Lord's House, with the blessing from above, our progress is uninterrupted, and must be continually onward. All the services of the Church are well attended, and the interest is growing, it is hoped, in the special services of the sacred seasons observed.

Connected with the Church is a Sunday School, which deserves more than a passing notice. Seldom is one conducted with more vigor and success on the part of the Superintendent and Teachers ; there are never less than eighty present, and in favorable weather, the number often exceeds this. The School has contributed to Bishop Scott \$25.45 ; to other Missions \$7.93 ; and to other religious purposes, \$9.97. Total, \$43.35.

A Bible Class of thirty adults is held on Sunday evening ; by whose kind exertions the Vestry Room has been tastefully and conveniently furnished.

The Rector takes this opportunity to express his grateful sense of the sympathy of the Parish, extended to himself during a recent season of family affliction. May their many acts of kindness be returned to them, in manifold blessings, from the Father of all mercies.

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.

Baptisms, infants, 9. Communicants, number not accurately ascertained. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3. Contributions for the Domestic and Foreign Board of Missions, \$10.22.

The undersigned has officiated in this vacant Parish, from June to December of last year, in all, nine Sundays; and on three secular days also has the Church been opened for Divine service, including duty performed during the winter season.

On these several occasions, the attendance on public worship, as to numbers, has greatly exceeded that of either of the last three preceding years.

In connection with the *nine* infants above reported as baptized, the office for "the Churching of Women" has been performed on four several occasions.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been celebrated three times during the past season. On one of these occasions, that divine ordinance was administered to *twenty-one* recipients; a larger number, it is believed, than ever before, on one occasion, has knelt around the chancel of this neglected Church.

The amount above reported as contributed for our General Board of Missions, was received at the Offertory, on the last very interesting and solemn sacramental occasion at this Church.

The repairs referred to as contemplated, in last year's report from this Parish, have been commenced. The stone foundation of the Church has been in part relaid, and pointed with cement; the window frames repaired, and in part newly glazed.

A quantity of wood has been cut from the glebe, during the past winter, and is now ready for market. From this source, together with the amount to be received from rent, of that portion of the land which is cleared, a sufficient sum (\$250) *it is hoped,*

will be realized towards shingling the roof, and securing the same with lead, from the rain; thus saving the building from premature decay, and contributing to the comfort and health of those who now, or may hereafter, worship within these consecrated walls.

Much cause is there, on a review of the last three years' itinerant ministry, exercised by the undersigned in this, then forsaken and desolate Parish, to thank God, for the blessing which has in some humble degree attended his labors; while he takes courage on resuming his services again, from June to November of the present year, (D. V.) in this feeble Church.

ALFRED L. BAURY.

St. John's Church, Charlestown.

THE REV. WM. FLINT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 24, adults 3,) 27. Communicants: added, 16; died or removed, 14; present number, 117. Confirmed, 8; (one from the Church of the Advent, Boston.) Marriages, 15. Burials, 21. Sunday School Scholars, 150; average attendance, 80. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$117.45; Communion Offerings \$110.50. Repairs of Church building, \$1,200.

The condition of this Church remains encouraging. During the past year, the Church edifice has been much improved, at an expense of \$1,200, collected by the voluntary offerings of members of the congregation. The Parish has suffered much the past year from deaths and removals, but others have joined us, so that the number remains about the same. No attempt, since the last report, has been made to reduce the debt of the Church. The interest upon it is regularly paid, and it is hoped that the principal will soon be much diminished.

A new and beautiful carpet was the generous gift of a lady of the Church. May she continue to "devise liberal things," and receive in return, that "blessing which maketh rich, and addeth no sorrow thereto."

Grace Church, Medford.

THE REV. JUSTIN FIELD, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 6. Communicants: added, 5; died or removed, 2; present number, 40. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$26.

Christ Church, Waltham.

THE REV. T. F. FALLES, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 11, adults 6,) 17. Communicants: added, 16; died or removed, 8; present number, 75. Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 5. Burials, 8. Sunday School Teachers, 11; Scholars, 61. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$80.84; Massachusetts Board, \$62.35; Sunday School, for Missions, \$50; other contributions, \$338.07. Total, \$531.26.

These statistics shew a gradual increase of strength in this parish, and call for our devout gratitude that the seed sown has been blessed with any measure of fruitfulness. We suffer very much from removals, which prevents that manifestation of advancement from year to year which would otherwise appear. It is an evil to which a community like ours is continually exposed, and we are left to draw consolation from the hope that those who are lost to us may be useful in some other portion of the Lord's vineyard.

Besides our regular services on Sunday, we have had for a part of the year lectures on Sunday and Tuesday evenings. Very lately a Parochial Missionary Association has been formed, which we hope will help to increase an interest in Missions, and add to the amount which we may cast into the treasury of the Lord. A missionary meeting is held on the first Sunday evening of every month. Our Ladies, in their sewing circle, have labored with great efficiency and success, and, besides pledging \$50 towards the support of a Missionary of the Eastern District Church Missionary Association, they have contributed \$200 towards a future enlargement of our Church. Under the blessing of God, we trust that this may at no distant day be imperatively demanded; and growing numbers we hope will be found among us who shall be ready for every good word and work.

Norfolk County.*Christ Church, Quincy.*

THE REV. GORDON M. BRADLEY, Officiating Minister.

Since the Rev. John A. Jerome left the Parish, the following have been recorded in the Parish Register, viz : Baptisms, infants, 4. Communicants, died, 1. Burials, 3. No collections have been made.

The incumbent has been so short a time in charge, that he does not feel warranted to express any opinion concerning the state and prospects of the parish. We can only hope, with the Divine blessing, to be able to make a more favorable report to the next Convention. In regard to the Sunday School, it may be well to state that the services of six teachers have been secured. Male, 1 ; Female 5.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

THE REV. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adults 3,) 9. Communicants : added, 18 ; died or removed, 6 ; present number, 114. Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 4. Burials, 11. Sunday School Scholars, 82. Missionary Contributions : General Board, \$94.63 ; Massachusetts Board, \$43 ; Seamen's Mission \$21 ; Communion Alms, \$72.15 ; American Tract Society, \$122 ; Special Appropriation, \$200. Total, \$552.78.

Our people attend Church well in the morning. They might attend better than they do in the afternoon. Our responses are excellent. A Bible Class was well attended the past winter. Extra services were held during Lent.

St. James's Church, Roxbury.

THE REV. JOHN WAYLAND, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, 8. Marriages, 5. Burials, 9. Confirmed, 13. Sunday School : Teachers, 12 ; Scholars, 70. Communicants, about the same as last year. Communion Offerings, \$183.29.

Monthly Collection for various objects \$83.94 ; Foreign Missions \$160 ; Domestic Missions, \$97.50 ; for the same, by a Lady, \$20. Society for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$50. Subscription for Church purposes \$400. Total, \$897.23.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.

Baptisms, 2. Burials, 1. Communicants, 60. Contributions : Offertory, \$95.24 ; Sunday School, \$19.00 ; Domestic Missions, \$34.56 ; Ladies' Association, \$100.00. Total \$248.90 .

The Rev. Edmund F. Slafter resigned the Rectorship, on the 13th November, 1853, on account of ill health, which incapacitated him from fulfilling the duties of his post. The Rev. Cameron F. McRae, late assistant minister of Christ Church, Philadelphia, has accepted the invitation of the Parish, and will enter upon his Rectorship on the 21st of May. Although the Parish has suffered severely in the interim, yet the prospect for the future is very encouraging, and there is every reason to hope for the increase and influence of the Church in this populous neighborhood.

W. H. SUMMER, }
E. N. PERKINS, } *Wardens.*

St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.

THE REV. EDWARD L. DROWN, Rector.

The last report from this Parish was made to the Convention of 1852. From that period until the time when the present Rector entered upon his duties, (July 1st, 1853), the Parish Register presents the following Statistics : Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 2,) 3. Burials, 4. Since July 1st, 1853, there have been, Baptisms, (adults 1, Infants 5,) 6. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 3. Burials, 4. Charities : Offertory, (since September, 1st, 1853,) \$69.55 ; Monthly Collections, \$117.29 ; Missions : (General Board,) Foreign, \$28.00 ; Domestic, \$29.25 ; for parochial purposes, \$130.00 ; by Ladies' Sewing Circle for the same, \$350.00. Total, \$724.09.

As the Parish Register, delivered to the present Incumbent,

contained no list of Communicants, or Parishioners, the Rector is unable to report accurately, the additions, removals, or present number of Communicants. He estimates that there have been, added, 25 ; died, 3 ; present number, about 60. The Sunday School still remains in a depressed condition. Scholars, 30 ; Teachers, 6. It is hoped that the School will increase with the increase of the Parish.

The present aspect of the Parish is full of encouragement. Many new families have been added in the past year, and especially during the present Spring. The congregations are large and increasing, and it is impossible to supply the demand for favorable sittings. Although the rite of Confirmation has been so lately administered ; yet, already there are several Candidates "ready and desirous to be confirmed." The Rector cannot close his report without an expression of gratitude to his warm-hearted Parishioners. By their unnumbered acts of kindness, by their many valuable presents, by their hearty co-operation in every good work, and by the increase of his salary, — they have filled his heart with joy, so that he can truly say, like one of old, "The lines are fallen to me in pleasant places, yea ! I have a goodly heritage."

St. Paul's Church, Brookline.

THE REV. JOHN S. STONE, D. D., Rector.

The Rector reports for the past year, 5 Baptisms ; 3 persons Confirmed ; Communicants, 52, of whom about half have been added during the year ; 1 Marriage ; 7 Burials ; and \$1,603.41, as the amount of the monthly and other offerings of the Church in aid of objects of Christian benevolence.

The Parish is receiving an encouraging increase, notwithstanding the temporary inability of the Rector to perform his duties. During the continuance of that inability, the great kindness of several clerical brethren, more especially of the Rev. G. D. Wildes, prevented any interruption of the regular weekly ministrations ; and the Rector feels that this public acknowledgement is less than what he owes to the generous sympathy, and the brotherly aid, which it has been his privilege to receive.

Since Christmas Day, he has been able to preach, as usual, every Sunday; the offices of Worship being conducted by Mr. Wildes, whose services the Vestry of the Parish have kindly invited and secured, until such time as the Rector shall be able to resume the full duties of the Parish.

In addition to the weekly services of the Lord's Day, the Rector officiated, and Lectured twice a week during Lent, and, in Passion Week, Lectured every day; the assistant being with him on Good Friday, and occasionally on other days of the week. Mr. J. S. Copely Greene also rendered very acceptable aid, as a Lay Reader, on several of the days of Passion Week.

Plymouth County.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 1, adults 6,) 7. Communicants: added, 7; died or removed, 4; present number, 103. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 3. Burials, 11. Sunday School Scholars, 50. Missionary Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$55.00; General Domestic, through the Association at Philadelphia for the West, \$20.00; Massachusetts Board, \$15.50. To aid in building a Church in Rockland, Maine, \$25.00; for Tract Distribution, Parish Visitor, and Carrier Dove, \$26.46; American Sunday School Union, \$35.00; Seamen's Mission, \$10.00; Alms at Communion, \$22.16. Total \$209.12.

Of the amount contributed to the American S. S. Union, \$13, was from the Children of the Sunday School. Included in the amount to foreign Missions, is \$25.00, being the sixth payment of that sum from the Dorcas Society for China Missions

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

THE REV. ASA EATON, D. D., Rector.

THE REV. E. B. PALMER, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms, 3. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3. Communicants:

added, 12; removals, 2; present number, 28. Offertory, \$13.97. Sunday Scholars, 38; Teachers, 4.

Christ Church, Plymouth.

[No Report.]

Bristol County.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

THE REV. THEODORE W. SNOW, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 41, adults 4,) total, 45. Communicants: added, 31; died or removed, 11; present number 151; Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 6. Burials, 13. Sunday School Scholars, 178. Branch Sunday School, Oaklands, 60, whole number, 238. Missionary Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$175.02; Domestic Missions, \$39.13; Diocesan Missions, \$50.79; American Sunday School Union, \$65.03; Alms at the Offertory, \$145.27; other charities, \$175.00. Total, \$656.24.

This year has been characterized by very marked prosperity. Our list of Communicants and Sunday Scholars is considerably larger than that of any previous year. Every thing wears the aspect of encouragement. The great need of the parish is a new church. Since the enlargement of the present building was abandoned as impracticable, we have all felt that at no distant period this enterprise must be entered upon. I hope most sincerely that it will not be long postponed.

Of the amounts above reported, a hundred dollars came from the Treasury of the Sunday School. Under the faithful and efficient superintendence which it enjoys, the all-important task of educating the young has gone on most satisfactorily. The average attendance of Scholars has never been so large. Mr. B. H. Chase, a candidate for orders resident in town, has had charge of the Branch Sunday School, and has officiated very frequently, on the Lord's day evening, at the chapel, as a lay reader to good congregations.

Grace Church, New Bedford.

THE REV. CHARLES W. HOMER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 17, adults 2,) 19. Communicants : added, 13 ; died or removed, 16 ; present number, 93. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 10. Burials, 8. Sunday Scholars, 40.

The plan proposed last year for erecting a new church has been, for the present, given up. We still occupy the old church. Whether anything will be done this year, either about building or repairing, is entirely uncertain.

Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

THE REV. EMBRY M. PORTER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 36, adults 1,) 37. Communicants : added, 5 ; died or removed, 10 ; present number, 67. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 10. Burials, 18. Sunday School Scholars, 120. Contributions : Diocesan Missions, \$5.00 ; Communion Offerings, \$31.52 ; Other Charities, \$7.27 ; Finishing and furnishing Sunday School and Lecture Room, a Font, and Books for Sunday School Library, \$464. Total, \$507.79.

We have to report but little change in the relative strength and the prospects of this Parish, except it be that the changes, by removals to and from, have been on the increase. Although we are unable to record any extended sensibility to religious impressions, we are happy in being able to say that we have not been without some tokens of the Divine favor and blessing. The regular services of the Church have been well attended. And though, from the character of our population, the growth of the Church in Fall River will, in all probability, be gradual, our persuasion is, that with the divine blessing, it will yet become a flourishing portion of the Lord's vineyard. The elements of strength are increasing every year. It is hoped and believed that after a little more "nursing care" on the part of the Missionary Board, the parish will be able to relieve them of this part of their burden.

Of the sum reported above, \$10 were contributed by the Sun-

day School ; and \$270, by the Ladies' Sewing Circle ; (a special effort). The Library of the Sunday School has undergone a thorough arrangement, and with the addition that has been made, we have a catalogue of nearly four hundred volumes.

Christ Church, Swansea.

THE REV. WILLIAM WITHINGTON, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 2. Burials, 7. Collected for Domestic Missions, \$10 ; Foreign, \$3.

Trinity Church, Pawtucket.

THE REV. JULIUS S. TOWNSEND, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 5, adults 7,) 12. Communicants : added, 11 ; present number, 56. Confirmed, 9. Sunday School Teachers, 9. Scholars, 80. Communion Alms, \$14.19. The Weekly Collections for Parochial objects, \$79.46. Sunday School Collections, \$10. Total, \$103.65.

The present incumbent took charge of the Parish, December 18, 1853, and the above statistics exhibit the changes which have occurred during the intervening time to the present date. His predecessor, the Rev. G. F. Cushman, resigned October 1, 1853, and from that time to December 18th, the Parish was kindly favored with the services of neighboring and visiting clergy. The report of the Rev. Mr. Cushman, as far as I can draw it from the data furnished by the Parish Register, is as follows, viz : Baptisms, infants, 10. Marriages, 4. Burials, 7. Collection on day of Consecration, \$13.89. The short time that I have been here prevents so full a statement as I could wish of the pecuniary condition of the Parish. The present beautiful edifice was consecrated July 12, 1853, though the tower is not yet completed, and for this purpose, together with a bell and suitable fence, &c., for the church and grounds, some \$2000 are still needed. As is too often the case in such matters, the burden of nearly all this work of love and godly service, has fallen very heavily upon a faithful few. They are far from desponding, though the struggle to bear up against determined opposition in various quarters, from those

who should bid us God speed, together with sustaining services, and the much yet to be expended before all will be finished and placed on a permanent foundation, would depress hearts of weaker faith and resolution.

The Organ, a beautiful instrument, built expressly for the Church by the Messrs. Hook, of Boston, and costing \$1500, was paid for by subscriptions obtained through unyielding perseverance; and the choir which have been trained up about it as a nucleus, are excelled by few in the country for their hearty zeal, and superior skill in sustaining this important part of the worship of Almighty God. The Font was the gift of Charles H. Russell, Esq., of New York, through the kind solicitation of Mrs. A. B. Rawson, his sister, and a worthy communicant of the Parish. The Service Books for the Desk, Altar and Pulpit, six in number, of beautiful red Turkey binding, three of them flexible, and stamped with the name of the Church, were by Ladies' special subscription. But, I am happy to say that all this has not been accomplished with a worldly pride, and the enterprise of mere earthly motives. The Holy Spirit has I trust been at work in the minds and consciences of those who worship and listen in this sacred dwelling-place of the Most High, from Sunday to Sunday, and on the Holy Days and Seasons of the Church. We have evident tokens of the Lord's presence amongst us, in the attentive solemnity of our public services, and the anxious interest manifested on the part of many precious souls, for their own personal salvation. We are sorry that the burden of recent building and deficient finances, forces us to ask for the continuance of the assistance hitherto granted us by the Board of Missions, and hope soon to be, not only self-sustaining, but to make far more than a full return for the help which we have received.

Nantucket County.

St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.

THE REV. ETHAN ALLEN, Rector.

Baptisms, 2. Mariages, 5. Burials, 3. Communicants, removed, 5. Sunday Scholars, 35; Teachers, 6. Contributions:

General Board, \$2.15 ; Diocesan Board, \$5.12 : Sunday Collections, \$65.19 ; Communion Alms, \$23.50 ; Other purposes, \$23.

If these reported contributions to the cause of religion and the Church, appear small, it must be recollected that they have been made in "hard times," that the parish has suffered much by discouraging removals, and that the faith of some who remain has waxed faint. Still there are a faithful few, ever ready, as far as they have the means, to aid in every good and holy work.

The Church and Parsonage House, in order to their preservation, have great need to be painted, and it is hoped an effort will be made for this purpose during the ensuing year. Another of our wants is the means of lighting up our church for evening service. Will not some one to whom God has given in abundance, be persuaded to supply this want, by the gift of a few lamps, which will answer every purpose. But our great want is the energizing influence of that Spirit, who alone can give us the principle and the root from whence all that is truly Christian must spring. Having this, we should present the beautiful prospect of a whole Church "*striving together for the faith of the Gospel.*"

Worcester County.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

THE REV. DANIEL LE B. GOODWIN, late Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 18, adults 5,) 23. Communicants: added 2 ; removed, 6 ; present number, 61. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 3. Burials, 11. Contributions: General Board, \$12 ; Building Church at Connersville, Indiana, \$5.52 ; American Jews Society, \$9.79.

The stated performance of religious services in this parish was discontinued by me in the early part of the last month, though I have officiated occasionally since. Circumstances have seemed to make it expedient for me to withdraw from the flock which I had gathered, and in whose service I had spent near twenty-nine years of my life.

All Saints' Church, Worcester.

THE REV. ARCHIBALD M. MORRISON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 4, adults 1,) 5. Communicants: added, 21; died or removed, 6; present number, 76. Confirmed, 5, (one from another parish taking advantage of the opportunity of the Bishop's presence.) Married, 8. Died, 4. Sunday School Scholars, 40. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$28.52; Massachusetts Board, \$16.80. Other contributions for religious purposes: Episcopal Fund, \$8.37; Widows and Orphans Society, \$11; All Saints' Sunday School Library, \$28.20; American Sunday School Union, \$11.15; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$10; City Missionary Society, \$34.60; American Bible Society, \$6.71; Offertory, \$63.98; Sunday School collections for Library, \$10.00; Sunday School collections for Missions, &c., \$43; Ladies' Missionary Sewing Circle, January to May, \$32. Total, \$259.01.

On the 1st of February, the original Sewing Circle was remodelled on a Missionary basis, incorporating the principle of "Systematic Beneficence." The result thus far, as compared with last year, is most gratifying. A system of weekly offerings in the Sunday School, has also been commenced upon the same principle, and the results, during the year of its operation, are equally encouraging. The amount, contributed by an average attendance of about thirty-five scholars, most of them children of poor parents, being \$53. Monthly collections have been introduced in the Parish, the total for all objects, being \$302.33.

Various old claims against the parish, which had long operated as a clog to our progress, have been swept off, the holders making a liberal reduction, and a salary of \$500 pledged to the Rector.

The "Parish Visitor," and the Foreign Department of the "Spirit of Missions," are distributed in the congregation, besides a Missionary periodical, and a paper, in the Sunday School. The interest of the children in their School, and in the subject of Missions, is good and growing. Much of this is owing to their excellent and devoted Superintendent.

An entirely new and choice Library has been procured for the Sunday School, during the year. Various improvements have been made in the Sunday School room, Missionary Maps procured, &c., &c.

I am sorry to say that quite a number of the communicants are in the habit of absenting themselves from the Lord's Supper habitually, so that our average attendance is not above 45 or 50.

Christ Church, Clappville.

[No Report.]

St. John's Church, Millville.

THE REV. SPENCER M. RICE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 14, adults 5,) 19. Communicants : added, 21 ; present number, 67. Confirmed, 17. Married, 3. Burials, 6. Offertory : for Domestic Missions, \$31.90 ; for a child in Mr. Beck's Orphan's Home, \$5 ; for Sunday School, \$9.37 ; for Parochial purposes, \$19.92 ; for the poor within the Parish, \$120.70. Total, \$186.89.

During the year now closing, this Parish by the blessing of God has continued steadily to flourish. It exerts a very marked conservative as well as religious influence upon the neighborhood where it is located. By the offices of the Church the people are taught how to worship ; by her precepts how to live, and by her teachings how to die. In the last day, many we believe will rise up and bless those who have been instrumental in bringing to their notice and enjoyment, the religious advantages conferred in the establishment of this Parish.

The debt which was upon the Church building has been assumed by the same gentleman to whom the Parish was already so much indebted. In addition to this, he has also assumed the cost of completing the building and fencing the grounds ; all to be done in accordance with the original plan of Mr. Upjohn. This work is already commenced, and (D. V.) the Church will be ready for consecration early in July.

We have an interesting Sunday School of about thirty-five scholars. During most of the year I have held a third service in an adjoining neighborhood.

Hampden County.*Christ Church, Springfield.*

THE REV. WILLIAM S. CHILD, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 4, infants 14,) 18. Marriages, 10. Burials, 13. Confirmed, 18. Communicants: added, 35; died, 2; removed, 15; present number, 168. Sunday School Teachers, 19; Scholars, 105. Charities &c.: Foreign Missions, \$56.13; Domestic Missions, \$151.20; Nashotah, \$135; Diocesan Missions, \$70. The Parish Sunday School and Episcopal Sunday School Union, \$79.43; Parish Depository of Tracts, Prayer Books, and Bibles, \$13.83; Society for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$50.40; Ladies' Sewing Circle, \$284; Communion Alms, \$241.87; Other objects, \$94.47. Total, \$1176.33.

The Parish also have raised the Salary of their Rector, \$250; and a subscription is now in progress to pay off the Parish debt, which, by the Divine blessing, it is hoped will be accomplished during the present year.

The Rector cannot conclude this Report, without alluding to the heavy affliction the parish has sustained this past year, in the loss of Wm. W. Lee, Esq. He died in the vigor of his age on Thursday, February 23d, 1854. Mr. Lee was one of the founders of this Parish, and for many years a Warden of the Church, and he has left behind him lasting tokens of the zeal and fidelity with which he executed every trust Providentially committed to him. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors: and their works do follow them."

Grace Church, Chicopee.

THE REV. EDWARD JESSUP, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 11, adults 2,) 13. Communicants: present number, 30. Confirmed, 4. Burials, 2. Sunday School Scholars, 45. Offertory, \$40.91. Sunday School Collections, \$6.57.

It is now about three years since this Parish was left without a Rector, and, with the exception of a few weeks during which lay-reading was maintained, the Church has remained closed; up to quite a recent period. Last summer a few zealous individuals resolved upon making an attempt at re-opening the deserted Sanctuary, and gathering such as there might be together within its fold. In this they were nobly seconded by the Rector of Christ Church, Springfield, to whom, as the nearest resident clergyman of our Church, they very naturally resorted for counsel and encouragement. That gentleman entered at once warmly into their plans, and promised to aid them with the alms of his own congregation, which promise has been abundantly fulfilled. Accordingly, on the first Sunday in November, the services were resumed and have continued without interruption. With how much of encouragement for the past, and of promise for the future, the above statistics, covering a period of only six months, will shew. The attempt was commenced under some uncertainty; for apart from the generous assistance of our neighbors at Springfield, we were sure of nothing outside ourselves. It is pleasant, however, to be able to state that an appropriation for the half-year was subsequently voted by the Diocesan Missionary Board, which it is to be hoped will be renewed for another year. Certainly there is too much here to be thrown away, and there can be no doubt that, with a little fostering care, under God's blessing, this will soon be added to the list of permanent and self-supporting parishes.

Perhaps it should be added that the present congregation is largely made up of families and individuals who have had no connection with the Parish in its former days. Thus, out of thirty-four families now registered, only ten were ever on the list before. And only seven of the old communicants, (but one male,) are included among those now reported. So that, in fact, this should be regarded as an effort towards founding a new parish.

Hampshire County.*St. John's Church, Northampton.*

THE REV. JOHN P. HUBBARD, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 4, adults 4,) 8. Communicants: added, 16; removed, 3; present number, 67. Confirmed, 12. Married, 7. Burials, 6. Sunday School Scholars, 40. Foreign Missions, \$122.75; do. from Sunday School, \$72.40; Domestic Missions, through Episcopal Missionary Association for the West, \$50; Diocesan Missions, \$25; American Sunday School Union, \$150; do. from Sunday School, \$10; Church at Glen's Falls, \$5; to pay debt on Church, \$400.00 Total, \$920.54.

The debt mentioned above was the last of many outstanding debts, long due on the church. It is now free from all incumbrance. We propose during the course of the present year to make considerable alterations in our church building; to aid in this purpose, the Rector has collected from friends in Boston and elsewhere, about \$1000. By these alterations, the number of sittings in the church will be increased, and its appearance and convenience greatly improved.

Franklin County.*St. James's Church, Greenfield.*

THE REV. TITUS STRONG, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 17, adults 3,) 20. Confirmed, 2. Communicants: added, 3; died or removed, 4; present number, 71. Marriages, 7. Burials, 15. Sunday School Scholars, 30. Missionary Contributions: Domestic General Board, \$60; Foreign, \$10.

The only occurrence of peculiar interest that has taken place within the parish is the completion of the Rector's fortieth anniversary, when a sermon was preached appropriate to the occasion.

Berkshire County.*St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.*

THE REV. S. BRENTON SHAW, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 4. Communicants: added, 4; died or removed, 4; present number, 68. Confirmed, (1 in Pittsfield,) 2. Marriages, 3. Burials (1 in Pittsfield,) 7. Sunday School Scholars and Teachers, 75. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$10; Nashotah, \$3; Sunday School, \$2.50; Repairs on church, \$60; Communion Alms, \$20; other contributions for Church purposes, \$104. Total, \$199.50.

This Church continues to pursue its noiseless way in harmony and peace. The spirit of the age, in common with all other associations, is felt in its deadly influence upon man's best interests. Nevertheless, not a few derive from her ministrations, knowledge of the way of life, and encouragement to walk therein.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

THE REV. ROBERT J. PARVIN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 10, adults 4,) 14. Communicants: added, 15; died or removed, 8; present number, 98. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 3. Burials, 8. Sunday School:—Teachers, 10; Scholars, 70. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$153; Massachusetts Board, \$38; Other contributions for religious purposes: Communion Alms, \$81.75; Widows and Orphans Society, \$15; American Bible Society, \$65; Local, \$30; by the Sunday School for Sunday Schools in the West, \$20. Total, \$402.75.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

[No Report.]

Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.

THE REV. LEWIS GREEN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 2, adults 1,) 3. Communicants: added, 2; died 3; removed, 2; present number, 37. Confirmed, 1.

Burials, 5. Sunday School Scholars, 18. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$10; Widows and Orphans, \$4.35; Communion Offerings, \$15.91.

The parish is in nearly the same condition as reported last year. Two aged Communicants have been taken from us. There is encouragement for persevering labor, much of which is needed here. Still when we consider the meagreness of the fruit yet borne, and the infirmity of human instruments, faith too often fails. May the Lord of the harvest strengthen it.

St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.

THE REV. HENRY S. ATTWATER, Rector.

Communicants, 10. Burials, 1. Families, 9. Contributions to Diocesan Missions, \$10. Other collections have been made and paid in, the amount of which is not recollected.

In explanation of the meagre statistics given in this report, it is necessary to add that, owing to the want of Missionary aid, the time of the Rector, which ought to have been employed during the week in preaching the Gospel to individuals from house to house, has necessarily been occupied in providing for the support of his family.

St. Paul's Church, Otis,

THE REV. WILLIAM B. COLBURN, Rector.

Baptisms, adults, 1. Communicants: added, 2; died, 1; removed, 1; present number, 25. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. Sunday School Scholars, about 40.

Owing to some recent reverses in business, this parish has not realized the favorable prospects of last year. Operations have been stopped at the ironworks, and many families who had formerly aided in supporting the Church, have left the place. But amid these discouragements, there are many encouraging circumstances. The members of the parish are laboring assiduously to sustain religious services; the congregation is respectable; much interest is manifested in the Sunday School, and we have reason to hope, that, if the Church in Otis is sustained, it will continue to bear an important testimony in favor of Gospel truth.

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

THE REV. THOMAS R. PYNCHON, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 4. Communicants: added, 2; present number, 47. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Sunday School Scholars, 18. Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$10.62.

This Parish is steadily increasing in numbers and strength.

Trinity Church, Lenox.

THE REV. THOMAS R. PYNCHON, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 4. Communicants: added, 1; present number, 22. Confirmed, 3. Sunday School Scholars, 12.

The prospects of this Parish are good. During the past year, the repairs of the church have been completed. In Summer, the church is entirely filled. In Winter, the average attendance is from 60 to 80.

*To the Right Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts: }*

During our last conventional year I have baptized one infant, and preached only four times.

My health during the year has been very poor indeed, so that it has not been possible for me to render any official service to the Church. For the greater part of the time I have been a great sufferer from a severe chronic rheumatism; and this, attended with a wearing bronchial cough, has reduced me to such a state of extreme weakness, and almost entire helplessness, that no one, I presume, who visited me during the cold weather, expected I could survive the severity of the winter months. But contrary to all expectations, I continue "till this present," and still survive the pale nations of the dead. I have now been confined to my chamber over seven months, and though somewhat improved in my general health, I am still a poor feeble invalid. I am still "shut up, and cannot come forth," but I cannot but hope, that

when the season advances, and becomes steadily settled and warm, I may be able once more to visit the House of God, and derive comfort and refreshment from its holy ordinances ; and once more be able to move around among my kindred and friends, and enjoy the sweets of that social intercourse of which I have been so long deprived ; but the future I leave with God, and would say with the most entire submission, "not my will, but thine be done." I have already proved too much of His supporting care and kindness to distrust, for a single moment, His infinite love and goodness, for the time to come. My only prevailing desire at present is, so *to do* or *suffer* the will of God during the rest of my earthly pilgrimage, that I may be fully and truly prepared to meet my Holy Saviour in peace at the solemn hour of His coming.

SHIPLEY WELLS WILLSON.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

In rendering to you a report of myself and my labors, I can only say that I continued in my office of Superintendent of the U. S. Marine Hospital until the first of September last, since which time I have had charge of Grace Church in this city, supplying for the Rev. J. L. Ver Mehr, who has established a Female School at Sonora, about 40 miles from the city. Within a few days, our Bishop has taken the Rectorship of Grace Church, Mr. Ver Mehr having resigned ; and I am endeavoring to make myself useful to the Church, under the direction of the Missionary Bishop. The Church in this land of sin and gold, has a most unpropitious soil. Almost all men are very worldly and wicked. But the climate is salubrious, and we are contented to spend our life here. It would be pleasant to see our friends at the east, but here we can be more useful to the cause of Christ ; and we shall endeavor to content ourselves till God shall call us home.

ORANGE CLARK.

San Francisco, March 30th, 1854.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

In pursuance of Canon XII. Sec. I. 1853, the undersigned respectfully reports : —

That he has celebrated Divine service, administered the Holy Sacraments, and preached the Gospel, uniformly on Sundays, beside officiating on most of the Fasts and Festivals of the Church throughout the conventional year, now closing. He has also performed the several offices of the Church, as occasion required, on secular days of the week ; and in connection with the same, attended to a considerable amount of parochial, and other professional duties.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been administered by him, or he has assisted in the celebration of that Divine ordinance, on seventeen different occasions.

Holy Baptism, he has administered as follows : — at Hopkinton, infants, 9 ; Bridgewater, infant, 1 ; Boston, infant, 1 ; Newton Lower Falls, infant, 1 ; Natick, infant, 1 ; total, 13. The office commonly called the "Churching of Women," he has performed on four occasions. One couple he has united in the holy estate of matrimony, and attended five funerals.

The undersigned has officiated in St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton, nine Sundays, and on three other occasions of public worship. For a more particular account of the services performed, and duties discharged in that feeble parish, reference is here made to the parochial report of the same, herewith submitted.

For three years last past, the undersigned has officiated in Hopkinton, at stated intervals ; and with devout gratitude to Him, who alone giveth the increase, he is enabled to report to his Diocesan, some degree of progress in the labors voluntarily assumed by him, in this desolate portion of the Lord's vineyard.

It may be well to state that many of the persons now composing the small congregation in Hopkinton, are emigrants ; educated in the bosom of the United Church of England and Ireland ; unaccustomed to our parochial organization ; and while they look to the Church here, as in their native land, for religious instruction

and clerical aid, are not accustomed to contribute of their substance, (if they have any,) toward the support of public worship. Hence, by rendering the sittings in the Church free, a greater extent of good is effected, than under the usual method of pew renting.

By occasionally calling at the dwellings of these persons, some have been induced to attend Church, at least occasionally, who would not, probably, otherwise have done so; while others, it is believed, have been kept within the fold, notwithstanding the efforts of popish emissaries, to draw them and their children along the corrupt and superstitious ways of the two thousand, estimated, Roman Catholics, dwelling in Hopkinton, where they have a large Mass-house, and flourishing Parish.

The work which the undersigned has here undertaken, he is encouraged to prosecute the present season, as he has done for three years successively; being well persuaded that an itinerant ministry is likely to produce the greatest amount of ultimate benefit to the Church, not only in Hopkinton, but in the towns adjacent, where there are residing scattered members of our communion, who only need to be sought out, and thereby induced to attend public worship in Hopkinton, when St. Paul's is opened for divine worship.

At Southborough, four miles distant from the former place, the undersigned has also officiated, in the deserted Unitarian meeting house in that town, by the performance of Morning and Evening Prayer, and preaching the Word, once a month, during the summer season, to respectable congregations, who sustain their part in the responsive portions of the liturgy, in a manner most creditable to themselves, and cheering to him who conducts their devotions.

Here we have friends who will never feel content with their lot, nor cease their efforts, till they have in their midst a temple consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, according to the order of the Church which they love and reverence.

The undersigned would gladly have devoted more of his time, during the past year, in laboring to advance the interests of religion, and the Church, in this too much neglected portion of

the Diocese, had not his private pecuniary resources rendered it incumbent on him to supply such other Churches as called on him for clerical aid ; who, being both able and willing to remunerate him for services rendered them, have indirectly contributed, in some small degree, towards enabling him to prosecute the work he has thus taken in hand, and of which the above is a brief, but truthful account.

Before closing this portion of his report to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts, the undersigned gratefully acknowledges having received a donation of five dollars, from a parishioner of Christ Church, Cambridge, which has been applied towards the purchase of Prayer Books, of which there is great need in Hopkinton. Southborough on the contrary, is well supplied with this invaluable manual of devotion ; seventy copies of the Book of Common Prayer, having been already gratuitously distributed in that town.

From the Sunday before Christmas day, to this present time, the undersigned has officiated in the vacant Church of St. Mark's, Boston. At Easter he was invited, by a unanimous vote of that corporation, to continue his services in the capacity of Rector.

While he intends, the Lord permitting, to comply with the invitation of this new, and interesting Parish, so far as not to leave St. Mark's unsupplied with constant services, it is not his wish nor intention, to be again permanently settled in a parochial cure ; but rather labor, as God shall furnish the means, and give him physical strength, among the feeble Churches and waste places of this Diocese, in which he has now been constantly officiating for nearly thirty-six years.

ALFRED L. BAURY.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

I regret again to be obliged to report that, through another year, impaired health has almost precluded me from the discharge of my ministerial duties. Still, whenever able, I have applied myself assiduously to the work of my profession, as opportunities have been afforded me.

GEORGE C. SHEPARD.

Charleston., S. C., May 3, 1854.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

Since the beginning of August last, I have officiated principally as an Assistant Minister, at St. Stephen's Church, Boston, in whose report, my services are recorded. At other times, I have officiated in different parishes in the city and vicinity, as my services have been needed.

EDWARD A. RENOUF.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

I respectfully report that, since the last Convention, I have regularly performed divine service and preached on Sundays, at the Navy Yard, New York, and on board the United States ship Ohio, the Receiving Ship in Boston harbor. I entered upon my duties at the latter place in June last. I have also preached occasionally, and assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion several times, in different churches in this Diocese.

Burials, 3.

M. B. CHASE, Chaplain U. S. Navy.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

The undersigned respectfully reports that, since the last Diocesan Convention, he has continued to officiate regularly twice every Sunday at the Naval Chapel, Charlestown, and administered the Holy Communion on the first Sunday in each month.

Baptisms, 8. Communicants, 15.

THOMAS R. LAMBERT, Chaplain U. S. Navy.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

I was obliged by ill health in my family, to resign the Charge of Christ Church, Quincy, October 1, 1853. The statement of my services since the last Convention to that date, will be found in the Parochial Report.

Since November 10, I have been acting as agent in our Church for the American Sunday School Union. In that capacity I have visited several churches in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York and Pennsylvania ; and am happy to state, that an encouraging degree of interest is taken by our people in the great work of this National Institution, the Society that cares for the children.

JOHN A. JEROME.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :

Since leaving the Parish of Christ Church, Plymouth, I have been residing in the Diocese of Rhode Island, where I have officiated, almost every Sunday, in various places, until October last, when I accepted the post of General Missionary, for one year, while the Rev. J. H. Eames, should be absent in Europe, and am now engaged in that work. BENJ. B. BABBITT.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :

I have officiated during the whole of the past year in Grace Church, Providence, R. I., and I have continued to reside in Boston. Besides officiating regularly on every Sunday throughout the year, and occasionally on other days, I have baptized 16 infants, and 7 adults, attended 5 funerals, and administered the Holy Communion 16 times. HENRY BURROUGHS, JR.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :

The undersigned respectfully reports that, since his resignation of Grace Church, New Bedford, in the autumn of 1852, the state of his health has not warranted him in undertaking, to any extent, the more immediate duties of the ministry. For more than a year, he has had charge of a school for young ladies, in Worcester, numbering from 50 to 60 pupils, and opening, of course, an interesting field of usefulness. He is grateful that his health has been found thus far adequate to his present labors, and that he is enabled to connect with the administration of his school, those appointed services and teachings of our Church, which are so eminently adapted to the highest interests of such an Institution.

N. T. BENT.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :

The undersigned respectfully reports that, since his resignation of the Rectorship of Grace Church, Medford, he has been engaged in the occupation of teaching, and is now the Principal of a private day-school for young ladies, in this city. He has been able only occasionally to exercise the duties of the sacred office.

DAVID G. HASKINS.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :

Since November 8th, 1852, the date of my resignation of the Rectorship of St. Mary's, Dorchester, I have continued to reside in Dorchester, and during this period, I have officiated nearly every Sunday in this and other Dioceses.

During the last year, as Principal of a private school for young ladies, I have been engaged in teaching in Boston.

G. W. PORTER.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :

The following report of my services for the past year, is respectfully presented. I have officiated on every Sunday, excepting eight; have administered the Holy Communion on nine occasions, baptized eight children, and attended three funerals. The baptisms and burials have been reported to the Rectors of the several parishes in which these ministerial acts were performed.

F. A. FOXCROFT.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :

I have resided, during the past year, in the city of New York. I have preached, during this period, only three times. My health has been very bad. I have been so severely afflicted with neuralgia, as to quite incapacitate me for nearly all mental labor, and render it necessary to abstain from all mental excitement. My trust, and confidence, and joy, are in God, through Jesus Christ, my Lord.

HENRY W. ADAMS.

Abstract of Parochial Reports.

MAY, 1854.

Towns.	Churches.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Scholars.	Contributions for religious
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.					
Amesbury	St. James's	B. Austin	6	2	8	10	9	49	2	5	6	68	\$277
	Andover	Christ	10	....	10	13	3	90	13	5	11	80	337
	Ashfield	St. John's*	....	....	....	....	....	127	....	....	....	125	....
	Trinity	M. Eastburn, D. D.	25	1	26	....	....	352	18	8	20	124	\$227
Boston	Christ	J. C. Smith	47	....	47	14	9	94	9	29	23	102	1478
	St. Matthew's	W. T. Smithett	57	2	59	10	24	64	....	13	32	112	157
	St. Paul's	A. H. Vinton, D. D.	6	....	6	40	49	343	17	5	13	170	4571
	Grace	C. Mason	18	5	23	32	26	205	12	11	14	140	1378
	Messiah	G. M. Randall	34	5	39	54	50	250	19	26	17	247	773
	St. John's	J. Irwin	30	....	30	8	10	46	6	3	6	49	36
	Advent	H. Southgate, D. D.	34	13	47	60	19	351	....	8	29	127	\$991
	St. Mark's	M. P. Stickney	....	....	....	....	....	141	....	....	....	167	....
	St. Stephen's	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	240	10	41	55	80	1200
	Seaman's Chapel	E. M. P. Wells, D. D.	88	....	88	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Bridgewater	Trinity	E. A. Kenoul	....	3	3	13	2	23	5	5	5	....	....
	Trinity	C. Wiltberger	....	3	3	12	2	28	....	1	3	36	13
	Trinity	Asa Eaton, D. D.	3	....	3	12	2	28	....	1	3	36	13
Brookline	St. Paul's	E. B. Palmer	5	....	5	26	....	52	3	1	7	130	1003
	Christ	J. S. Stone, D. D.,	26	4	30	19	12	141	3	4	11	37	220
Cambridge	St. Peter's*	G. D. Wildes	....	....	....	....	....	142	....	....	....	140	....
	St. John's	N. Hoppin	24	3	27	16	14	117	8	15	21	150	327
Charlestown	St. Luke's	W. F. Page	15	1	16	19	13	60	....	4	10	47	86
	Grace	W. S. Bartlet	11	2	13	....	....	30	4	....	2	45	47
Chilmark	Christ*	E. Jessup	....	....	....	....	....	140	....	....	....	140	....
	St. Paul's	J. H. Rouse	6	3	9	18	6	114	11	4	11	62	322
Dorchester	St. Mary's	S. B. Babcock	7	2	9	25	3	60	10	3	6	30	754
	Ascension	E. L. Drown	36	1	37	5	10	67	4	10	18	120	587
Greenfield	St. James's*	E. M. Porter	17	3	20	3	4	71	2	7	13	39	79
	St. Andrew's	Vacant	1	6	7	7	4	103	6	3	11	50	268
Hampden	St. Paul's	S. Cutler	9	....	9	....	....	19	....	....	....	19	....
	St. Luke's	Vacant	4	....	4	....	....	68	2	3	7	75	128
Lawrence	Trinity	S. B. Shaw	27	2	29	25	13	92	3	16	16	92	442
	St. Anne's	G. Packard	57	13	70	40	24	366	34	31	43	250	608
Lowell	St. Stephen's	T. Edson, D. D.	11	2	13	8	6	51	3	7	9	39	8
	St. Michael's	I. W. Hallam	11	....	11	6	9	78	....	8	5	73	177
Medford	Grace	J. Field	6	....	6	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....
	St. John's	S. M. Rice	14	5	19	21	....	67	17	3	6	....	19
Nantucket	St. Paul's	E. Allen	2	....	2	....	....	39	....	....	....	35	5
	Grace	C. W. Homer	17	2	19	13	16	93	8	10	8	40	....
New Bedford	St. Paul's	W. Horton	16	2	18	10	5	94	5	4	16	89	30
	St. Andrew's	H. S. Attwater	....	....	....	....	....	10	....	....	....	....	1
Newburyport	St. Mary's	A. Crowell	22	2	24	15	5	122	10	2	13	110	15
	St. John's	J. P. Hubbard	4	4	8	16	3	67	12	7	6	40	80
Northampton	St. Paul's	W. B. Colburn	....	1	1	2	2	25	....	2	4	40	....
	Trinity	J. S. Townsend	5	7	12	11	....	56	9	....	....	80	10
Pawtucket	Christ*	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	127	....	....	....	114	....
	St. Stephen's	R. J. Parvin	10	4	14	15	8	98	....	3	8	70	46
Pittsfield	Christ	G. M. Bradley	4	....	4	....	....	1	....	....	....	135	....
	St. James's	J. Wayland, D. D.	8	....	8	....	....	130	13	5	3	70	85
Quincy	St. John's	C. F. McRae	2	....	2	....	....	60	....	....	....	....	....
	St. Peter's	G. Leeds	14	5	19	15	15	240	9	3	15	190	120
Salem	Christ	W. S. Child	14	4	18	35	17	168	18	10	13	105	117
	St. Paul's	T. R. Pynchon	4	....	4	....	....	47	....	....	....	....	....
Stockbridge	Christ	W. Withington	2	....	2	....	....	119	....	....	....	....	....
	St. Thomas's	T. W. Snow	41	4	45	31	11	151	13	6	13	238	6
Swansea	Trinity	L. Green	2	1	3	2	5	37	1	....	5	18	....
	Christ	T. F. Fales	11	6	17	16	8	75	9	5	8	61	5
Van Deusenville	St. John's	Vacant	18	5	23	2	6	61	9	3	11	....	....
	All Saints'	A. M. Morrison	4	1	5	21	6	76	5	8	4	40	3
Waltham	House of Correc.	J. T. Burrill	5	....	5	....	....	....	....	1	8	....	....
	Navy Yard.	T. R. Lambert	8	....	8	....	....	15	....	....	....	....	....
Worcester	House of Correc.	J. P. Robinson	28	....	28	....	....	72	....	4	23	....	....
	Navy Yard.	J. P. Robinson	28	....	28	....	....	72	....	4	23	....	....
			890	126	1016	720	440	5882	349	360	626	4077	622

*No Report.

† Number last reported.

Church

The Rev.

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N. B. It is expected that the clergyman will make such observations as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish and of his ministerial services during the past year.

Dr.	CLERICAL FUND ASSOCIATION in account with J. W. CLARK, Treasurer.	Cr.
1853.	May 18. To paid Rev. Shipley W. Willson per order, . . .	\$14 68
1854.	May 15. " Bal. in Treasurer's hands to new account..	102 00
		50 00
		9 50
		40 00
		9 50
		5 35
		25 00
		100 00
		\$356 03
		\$256 03

Invested \$200 San Francisco 10 per cent. bonds which can at any time be made available, making actual balance in the hands of Treasurer,.....\$456 08

Boston, May 15, 1854.

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JOSEPH W. CLARK, Treasurer.

Dr. CONVENTION of the *Protestant Episcopal Church, in account with* T. W. SNOW, *Treasurer.* Cr.

(from June 8, 1853, to May 16, 1854.)

1853.	July 1.	J. B. Dow, printing canons.....	\$10 00	1853.	June 8.	By balance of cash from last account, printed in the Journal of '53	\$88 01
	" "	" " Journal of '52, on acct....	25 00		" 25	St. James', Great Barrington, for '53	8 00
	Sep. 23.	C. H. Canfield, serving citations.....	5 00		July 6.	Christ Church, Quincy, deficiency on assessment of '53.....	1 00
	Oct. 18.	H. Cope, Treasurer General Convention, Mass. assessment.....	85 00		" 24	Christ Church, Boston, '53.....	10 00
1854.					Dec. 1	St. Paul's, Brookline, '53.....	20 00
May 16.		Treasurer, miscellaneous items, printing blank bills, expresses, postages, stationery.....	15 01	1854.	Feb. 27	St. John's, Northampton, for '52 and '53, in full	10 00
					May 10	St. Paul's, Scotchbridge, for '54.....	3 00
			\$140 01.				\$140 01

THEODORE W. SNOW, *Treasurer.*

Boston, May 18, 1854.

(Approved.) ASA EATON, *Chairman of Financial Committee.*

DR. CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS

1854.				
May 18.	Paid travelling expenses of Rev. S. B. Shaw,.....			\$10 00
" "	" " " " R. J. Parvin,.....			9 00
" "	" " " " Tho. R. Pynchon,.....			10 00
" "	" " " " Ethan Allen,.....			10 00
" "	" " " " W. B. Colburn,.....			9 00
" "	" Attendance, &c., Richard Dillon,.....			5 35
20 "	Bill due printing, 1852, James B. Dow,.....			185 40
22 "	Travelling expenses of Rev. L. Green,.....			10 00
" "	Postage,.....			25
June 1 "	Travelling expenses, G. Con. Rev. T. W. Snow,.			24 00
12 "	Services as Secretary, Rev. J. H. Clinch,.....			25 00
14 "	Deposit in Bank,.....			32 00
" "	Cash on hand,.....			8 00
15 "	J. B. Dow, on account,.....			108 00
				<hr/> \$446 00

The Treasurer regretfully reports the following Parishes as delinquent. (*Vide Canon, 1828.*)

IN ARREARS, 1852.

St. James, Amesbury	St. John's, Northampton
Trinity, Bridgewater	Trinity, Pawtucket
St. Stephen's, Lynn	Christ, Quincy
St. Michael's, Marblehead	Christ, Swansea

IN ARREARS, 1853.

St. James, Amesbury	St. Stephen's, Lynn
St. John's, East Boston	St. Michael's, Marblehead
Trinity, Bridgewater	Christ, Swansea

IN ARREARS, 1854.

St. Stephen's, Lynn	St. John's, Millville one-half per ct.
St. Michael's, Marblehead	St. Paul's, Nantucket "
Trinity, Marshfield	Grace, New Bedford "
St. Andrew's, New Boston	St. Paul's, Newburyport "
St. Mary's, Lower Falls	St. John's, Northampton "
Trinity, Pawtucket	St. Paul's, Otis "
St. James's, Amesbury	Christ, Andover "
Christ, Boston	Christ, Cambridge "
St. John's, East Boston	St. John's, Charlestown "
Christ, Clappville	St. Mary's, Dorchester "
St. James, Great Barrington	Ascension, Fall River "
St. Paul's, Hopkinton	St. Luke's, Lanesboro' "
Trinity, Lenox	Grace, Lawrence "
Christ, Plymouth	St. Anne's, Lowell, "
Christ, Quincy	St. James's, Roxbury "
Christ, Springfield	St. Peter's, Salem "
Christ, Waltham	Christ, Swansea "
All Saints, Worcester	Trinity, Vandeusenville "
	St. John's, Wilkinsville "

The earliest remittance is desirable, that the Convention, and every Parish connected with it, may be reported, *free of debt.*

Dedham, Mass.

Appendix.

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in account with S. B. BABCOCK, Treasurer.

Dr.

1864.				
May 17,	Rec'd $1\frac{1}{2}$ per ct. in full.	St. Paul's, Ch., Boston,.....	\$52 50	
"	"	Trinity, " ".....	45 00	
"	"	Grace, " ".....	24 00	
"	"	Messiah, " ".....	15 00	
"	"	Advent, " ".....	30 00	
"	"	St. Matthew's, " ".....	15 00	
"	"	St. Luke's, Chelsea,.....	4 50	
"	"	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield,.....	15 00	
"	"	St. Peter's, Cambridgeport,...	7 50	
"	"	St. Paul's, Stockbridge,.....	1 50	
"	"	St. Paul's, Brookline,.....	30 00	
"	"	St. Paul's, Dedham,.....	15 00	
"	"	St. James's, Greenfield,.....	6 00	
"	"	St. Thomas's, Taunton,.....	18 00	
"	"	St. Andrew's, Hanover,.....	9 00	
"	Rec'd on ac't of $1\frac{1}{4}$ per ct.	St. Peter's, Salem,.....	12 00	
"	"	Trinity, Bridgewater,.....	5 00	
"	"	St. Luke's, Lanesboro',.....	5 00	
"	"	St. John's, Charlestown,.....	10 00	
"	"	St. James's, Roxbury,.....	12 00	
"	"	St. John's, Wilkinsonville,....	3 00	
"	"	St. Anne's, Lowell,.....	14 00	
"	"	Christ, Swansea,.....	3 00	
"	"	Trinity, Vandeusenville,....	3 00	
"	"	St. John's, Jamaica Plains,...	10 00	
"	"	St. John's, Millville,.....	5 00	
"	"	St. Mary's, Dorchester,.....	6 00	
"	"	Christ, Andover,.....	10 00	
"	"	Grace, Lawrence,.....	10 00	
"	"	St. Paul's, Newburyport,.....	8 00	
"	"	Ascension, Fall River,.....	5 00	
"	"	Grace, New Bedford,.....	7 00	
"	"	St. Paul's, Otis,.....	3 00	
"	"	St. Paul's, Nantucket,.....	1 00	
"	"	Christ's, Cambridge, ..	8 00	
"	"	Grace, Medford,.....	5 00	
"	arrearage, 1853,	St. Mary's, Dorchester,.....	6 00	
"	"	Grace, New Bedford,.....	7 00	
			<u>\$446 00</u>	

S. B. BABCOCK, *Treasurer.*

Dr. SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

1853.		
Nov. 23.	To amount deposited in Provident Institution for Savings,.....	\$120 00
1854.		
Jan. 27.	To amount paid for eleven shares in Bank of North America, Boston,.....	1163 25
Feb. 9.	To amount paid for eleven shares, Granite Bank stock, Boston,.....	1163 25
" 10.	To amount paid for ten shares, Webster Bank stock, Boston,....	1072 50
" 25.	To amount paid for thirteen shares, Trader's Bank stock, Boston,.....	1404 00
"	To amount paid Richard Dillon, sexton of Trinity Church, Boston, for services rendered at several annual meetings,.....	5 00
May 3.	To amount paid for four shares in Bank of North America, Boston,.....	414 00
" 11.	To amount paid for one thousand dollars, city of Bath (Maine) bonds,.....	1051 67
"	To amount paid for postage stamps, on circulars, &c. &c.,.....	1 87
" 16.	To amount paid for two shares in Massachusetts Bank, Boston,...	506 75
" 18.	To amount uninvested,.....	216 50
		<u>\$7132 88</u>

Boston May, 18, 1854.

(Errors Excepted.)

The subscriber, a committee appointed for that purpose, has examined the foregoing account, and finds it correctly cast and properly vouched. He has also seen the evidences of investment of the funds of the society, amounting to seven thousand seven hundred and seventy-five dollars and fifty-nine cents.

FREDERICK H. STIMPSON, *Auditing Committee.*

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1853.			
May 18.	1854.	By amount of uninvested capital,.....	\$129 02
"		From Dr. Tieknor, U. S. Navy, (donation).....	10 00
Jan. 27.		From Provident Institution for Savings, Boston,.....	2052 18
Feb. 3.		From Suffolk Savings Bank, amount of sundry deposits with interest,.....	2836 75
March,		From Rev. Dr. Eaton, for membership, \$1; annual subscription, \$10,.....	11 00
"		From St. Paul's Church, Brookline, per Rev. J. S. Stone, D. D., Rector,.....	100 00
" 23.		From St. Anne's Church, Lowell, per Rev. T. Edson, D. D., Rector,.....	31 00
" 24.		From R. M. Mason, Esq., to constitute him a life member,....	20 00
"		From Church of the Messiah, Boston, per Rev. G. M. Randall, Rector,.....	34 00
" 29.		From All Saints' Church, Worcester, per Rev. A. M. Morrison, Rector,.....	11 00
April 3.		From Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D. D., "offering of St. Stephen's Church," Boston,.....	30 00
"		By dividend on thirteen shares in Traders' Bank, Boston,....	52 00
"		By " " ten " " Webster Bank, ".....	35 00
"		By " " eleven " " Bank of N. America Boston,....	44 00
"		By " " ten " " Granite Bank, ".....	44 00
" 9.		From Rev. Samuel Cutler, Hanover, his annual subscription,...	20 00
" 18.		From Rev. Robert J. Farvin, Pittsfield, Rector of St. Stephen's Church,.....	15 00
"		From St. Peter's Church, Salem, per Rev. Geo. Leeds, Rector,...	70 00
"		From St. John's Church, East Boston, per Rev. John Irwin, Rector,.....	5 00
"		From Christ Church, Boston, per Rev. W. T. Smithett, Rector,.....	10 00
"		From Christ Church, Cambridge, per Rev. N. Hopkin, Rector,.....	25 00
" 25.		From Christ Church, Waltham, per Rev. T. F. Fales, Rector,...	52 03
" 26.		From St. James' Church, Amesbury, per Rev. B. Austin, Rector,.....	4 00
May 28.		By amount of mortgage, on Grace Church, Boston,.....	1000 00
"		By amount of interest " " In full,.....	60 00
" 10.		From St. Paul's Church, Boston, per Rev. A. H. Vinton, D. D., Rector,.....	100 00
" 12.		From a member of Grace Church, Lawrence, "for Rev. G. Packard,".....	25 00
" 16.		From St. Matthew's Church, South Boston, per Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, Rector,.....	10 00
"		From Church of the Advent, Boston, Rt. Rev. Horatio Southgate, D. D. Rector,.....	100 68
"		From Rev. John P. Robinson, Rector of St. Mary's Free Church for Seamen, Boston, being his annual subscription,.....	10 00
" 17.		From St. James' Church, Roxbury, Rev. John Wayland D. D., Rector,.....	50 00
"		By amount collected at the Offertory, Convention day,.....	45 62
" 18.		From Christ Church, Andover, per Rev. Samuel Fuller, D. D., Rector,.....	25 23
"		From Christ Church, Springfield, per Rev. Wm. S. Child, Rector,.....	50 40
"		From Trinity Church, Van Deusenville, per Rev. Lewis Green, Rector,.....	5 00
"		From St. James' Church, Great Barrington, per Rev. John Woart,.....	10 00
			\$7132 88

ALFRED L. BAURY, Treasurer.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

1854.		July 1.	
Diocesan Missions in Massachusetts :			
For cash paid as per appropriation of the Board, - - - - -	\$1630	79	
For incidental expenses, stationery, postages, advertising, discounts, & printing, - - - - -	21	03	
Rev. T. W. Snow, Secretary of Board, bill of incidental expenses, - - - - -	10	00	
For balance carried to new account, - - - - -	190	10	
			\$1851 92
General Domestic Missions :			
For cash paid Thomas N. Stanford, Esq., Treasurer of the Domestic Committee, - - - - -	-	-	761 95
Foreign Missions :			
For cash paid James S. Aspinwall, Esq., Treasurer of the Foreign Committee, - - - - -	-	-	1773 18
Specially appropriated :			
For cash paid as specially directed by donors, - - - - -	-	-	1229 94
			\$5616 93

in account with JAMES B. Dow, Treasurer.

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	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	Various.	Total.
Balance, - -	\$35 44	35 44
Andover — Christ Church, -	18 71	18 71
Amesbury — St. James's, -	8 20	..	..	..	8 20
Ashfield — St. John's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Blandford — St. Mark's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Boston — Advent, -	..	..	..	..	..
— Christ, -	31 00	..	..	..	31 00
— Grace, -	107 78	22 50	218 81	..	349 09
— Messiah, -	30 00	..	55 00	..	85 00
— St. Paul's, -	529 49	200 00	501 60	955 20	2186 29
— St. John's, -	28 00	..	8 00	..	36 00
— St. Matthew's, -	..	..	..	..	..
— St. Stephen's, -	..	..	..	..	..
— St. Mark's, -	..	..	..	..	..
— Trinity, -	400 00	..	151 25	119 21	670 46
Bridgewater — Trinity, -	..	..	..	..	..
Brookline — St. Paul's, -	75 00	..	40 00	..	115 00
Chicopee — Grace, -	..	..	..	..	..
Cambridge — Christ, -	..	77 00	66 00	20 00	163 00
Cambridgeport — St. Peter's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Charlestown — St. John's, -	..	56 15	..	..	56 15
Chelsea — St. Luke's, -	18 12	..	5 00	..	23 12
Clappville — Christ, -	..	..	..	..	..
Dedham — St. Paul's, -	73 00	..	20 31	34 00	127 31
Dorchester — St. Mary's, -	..	29 25	28 00	..	57 25
Full River — Ascension, -	5 00	..	..	..	5 00
Great Barrington — St. James's,	10 00	..	..	..	10 00
Greenfield — St. James's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Hanover — St. Andrew's, -	15 50	..	69 00	..	84 50
Hopkinton — St. Paul's, -	..	5 11	5 11	..	10 22
Jamaica Plains — St. John's,	..	34 56	14 00	..	48 56
Lanesboro' — St. Luke's, -	16 00	..	..	3 00	13 00
Lawrence — Grace, -	20 00	..	..	..	20 00
Lenox — Trinity, -	..	..	..	..	..
Lowell — St. Andrew's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Lynn — St. Stephen's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Marblehead — St. Michael's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Marsfield — Trinity, -	..	..	..	..	..
Medford — Grace, -	..	..	61 30	..	61 30
Millville — St. John's, -	31 90	..	26 00	..	57 90
Nantucket — St. Paul's, -	5 12	..	2 45	..	7 27
New Bedford — Grace, -	..	..	..	..	..
Newburyport — St. Paul's, -	22 62	..	38 63	..	61 25
New Boston — St. Andrew's, -	10 00	..	..	..	10 00
Newton L. Falls — St. Mary's,	25 00	..	..	25 45	50 45
Northampton — St. John's, -	25 00	..	..	..	25 00
Otis — St. Paul's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Panama — Trinity, -	..	..	..	..	..
Plymouth — Christ, -	..	..	..	..	..
Pittsfield — St. Stephen's, -	38 00	76 50	76 50	..	191 00
Quincy — Christ, -	..	..	..	..	..
Roxbury — St. James's, -	..	94 25	28 00	8 00	130 25
Salem — St. Peter's, -	120 00	100 00	100 00	..	320 00
Springfield — Christ, -	..	..	..	..	..
Stockbridge — St. Paul's, -	10 62	..	..	..	10 62
Swansea — Christ, -	..	..	..	..	..
Taunton — St. Thomas, -	50 79	39 13	175 02	65 08	330 02
Vandusenville — Trinity, -	10 00	..	..	..	10 00
Waltham — Christ, -	62 21	..	70 84	..	133 05
Worcester — All Saints, -	21 52	..	..	..	21 52
Wilkinsonville — St. John's, -	..	..	..	..	..
From other sources, -	4 00	27 50	12 50	..	44 00
	1851 92	761 95	1773 12	1229 94	5616 93

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1854. By cash received, subject to the appropriation of the Board, from sundry Parishes, June 1. \$1851 92

Boston, June 1, 1854.

(Errors Excepted.)

Constitution
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
AS AMENDED
IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1841, 1846, AND MAY, 1852.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Commonwealth, at Boston, on the second Wednesday in June, in every year, unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided, always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop and the assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every other clergy-

man of the Church of whatever order, being a settled minister, or regularly officiating in some parish within this Commonwealth; or being a President, Professor, Tutor or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Commonwealth, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this State, for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this Commonwealth, in union with this Convention shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay delegate, or delegates, not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay delegate unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

ARTICLE IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they have been duly organized for the space of one year, and during that time have held regular public services, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention.

But in case of vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for by three clerical members, or by the lay delegations from three parishes represented in the Convention; in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article, except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

Canon of 1828,
AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1849.
Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this State, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual report what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, or of such committee as shall be appointed by the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, namely: to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop of this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several Churches in this State by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies, at least, of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

But no clergyman shall be entitled to any appropriation from the Contingent Fund, unless the parish of which he is the minister shall have paid its annual quota of *one per centum*, or send a certified copy of a vote that it is unable to pay the same. Neither shall any parish, thus neglecting to comply with the requisitions of the Canon, receive more than five copies of the Journal.

Canon of 1844.*Respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund.*

In every parish in this Diocese, a collection shall be annually made on Trinity Sunday, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Commonwealth, to be added to the permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese; and the said Treasurer shall report annually to this Convention, the amount by him received from each parish.

Canons of 1846,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1852.

I.

Of proceedings in the case of a Minister, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise of offences for which he may be tried.

SECT. 1. The mode of presentment and trial of a Minister, for any offence for which, by the laws of the General Convention or of this Diocese, he is or may be liable to be tried, shall be as follows :

Information of his offence shall first be given in writing to the Standing Committee, which information, any member of this Church is hereby declared competent to give. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed to a preliminary consideration of the case; and in their discretion, if they see fit, may make a formal presentment of the offence to the Bishop.

Such presentment shall be made in writing, addressed to the Bishop, stating the charges made against the accused, with specifications as to time, place, and circumstances; and any of the specifications in said presentment may be amended from time to time by the Judge Advocate, as the Court may order; and in case there shall be no Bishop, or in case the Bishop shall be implicated in the offence, or shall be related to the accused by consanguinity or affinity, the Standing Committee shall then

request the Bishop of some other Diocese to receive the presentment, who, upon the application of the Standing Committee, may proceed in the case, and exercise the same powers as belong, or are granted, to the Bishop of the Diocese.

SECT. 2. Any Minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise, of any offence or offences for which he may be tried as aforesaid, may, for himself, request the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry respecting the truth of the charges against him; and, in such case, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry, and to proceed in like manner, as is provided in section first of the Canon.

II.

Of the trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.

SECT. 1. Upon such presentment being made by the Standing Committee, as is provided in the foregoing Canon, the Bishop shall, as soon as may be, cause a copy of such presentment to be served on the accused, and shall also nominate nine Presbyters of the Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, nor witnesses in the case, and shall cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall, within thirty days after such service, select five of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within said thirty days, the Bishop shall then select five, and the Presbyters so selected shall form an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of the accused.

SECT. 2. The Court, thus constituted, shall meet at such time and place within the Diocese, as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese, as they shall deem necessary; and the Bishop shall cause a written notice of the time and place of the first meeting of the said Court to be served at least thirty days before the time of meeting, on the accused, and also on the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

SECT. 3. If, at the time appointed for the first meeting of the said Court, the whole number of five shall not attend, those who

do attend, may adjourn from time to time ; or being not less than three in number, they shall have the right to proceed, in case they shall see fit, to a hearing and trial of the case ; and their decision, if unanimous, shall be as binding as if the whole Court had been present ; but in case their decision shall not be unanimous, the Bishop shall, at the request of the accused, or of the Standing Committee, order a new trial.

SECT. 4. If a clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, the Court shall, in writing, certify the same to the Bishop, and state their opinion as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced ; and it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence, in the manner hereinafter provided. And if a clergyman presented as aforesaid, after having had due notice, shall fail or neglect to appear before the Court of Presbyters appointed for his trial, unless prevented by sickness or other sufficient cause, he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the term of six months ; and if during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.

SECT. 5. When the Court proceed to the trial, they shall hear such competent evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively ; and some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may, at the desire of either party, be requested to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses. If, on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Court may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

SECT. 6. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any material witnesses cannot be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of such witnesses. Such Commissary may be either a clergyman or a layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least *six* days' notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more

than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness, and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissary, and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Court, and shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such Commissary may be sworn or affirmed in manner aforesaid.

SECT. 7. The Court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be, without delay, communicated to the accused; and the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Court; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused, and any three or more Presbyters of the Diocese, to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend; and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Court of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

SECT. 8. All citations and notices contemplated in this Canon shall be signed by the Bishop, and may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written citation or notice de-

livered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such citation or notice.

SECT. 9. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, or laymen who have been communicants of some parish of the same, at least two years before the time of trial.

Canon of 1846.

Of Communicants.

Whenever the Bishop shall institute an inquiry on the subject of repelling a person from the Holy Communion, according to the rubrics and the canons of the General Convention, he shall summon a council of two presbyters and two laymen, of which he shall be president, to decide upon the case.

Canon of 1847,

AS AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1848.

Of Elections.

The deputies to the General Convention from this Diocese shall be chosen at the meeting of this Convention holden in each year of the stated meeting of the General Convention; who shall continue in office until the meeting of this Convention, next preceding the stated meeting of the General Convention, on the third year next after their election, and until others shall be chosen in their place.

Any vacancy occurring in the delegation shall be filled at the next ensuing meeting of this Convention; and appointments for the interval may be made by the Standing Committee, at a meeting specially convened for that purpose.

Canon of 1852.*Of the Admission of New Parishes into union with the Convention.*

All applications for the admission of new parishes into union with this Convention shall be received and referred to the Standing Committee. And the said Committee shall examine into the circumstances of the party making the application, to ascertain the number of Episcopalians resident in the place where it is proposed to establish a new parish; what resources they have from the establishment of a neighboring parish already in existence; what the population of the town in which it is proposed to establish such parish may amount to; what may be expected to be its probable increase; what is the number, character, and influence of other Christian denominations in the same place; and what are the resources in possession of the applicants, whereon may be founded a reasonable expectation that they now are, or are likely to become, within a reasonable time, a self-supporting parish; and they shall make report of the same to the next Convention, with their opinion thereon.

Canon of the General Convention of 1835.*On the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time.*

SECTION I. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his parish or Church, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same; and these parochial reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, shall be read and entered on the journals of the

Convention. And every other clergyman not regularly settled in any parish or Church, shall also report to the ecclesiastical authority of his Diocese, the occasional services he may have performed ; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same.

Rules of Order.

RULE I. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house ; nor more than once, until others desiring to speak shall have spoken.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

Every member who shall be in the house, when any question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested in the question, or shall be excused by the Convention for reasons assigned.

RULE II. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same parish with the mover ; and every motion, when required by any member, shall be reduced to writing.

RULE III. When the report of a committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house ; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

RULE IV. When a question is before the Convention, it shall be in order—

1. To lay on the table ;
2. To postpone to a day certain ;
3. To commit ;
4. To amend ;
5. To postpone indefinitely ;

and a motion for any one of these proceedings may be considered as having precedence in the order in which they are here named; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE V. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

RULE VI. Any member may call for the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

RULE VII. The question of adjournment shall always be in order; and that, together with a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

RULE VIII. When votes by orders are taken, they shall be entered on the minutes.

RULE IX. On all questions of order, the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

RULE X. A question, being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present, nor unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority on the original decision.

LIST OF THE CLERGY
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MAY, A. D. 1854.

- The Right Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D.D.,** Bishop
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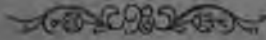
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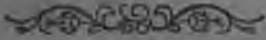
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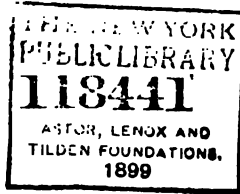
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Trinity Church. }*

THIS being the time and place named for the assembling of the annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, with several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, met in Trinity Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, assisted in the Epistle, by the Rt. Rev. George Burgess, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Maine.

The annual Convention Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dedham, from the text, Acts of the Apostles, v. 38, *If this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought.*

After which, at the Offertory, which was read by the Rev. Henry Burroughs, Jr., a collection was made in aid of the funds of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese. The Holy Communion was then administered to the clergy, and to a large number of the Laity, by the Bishop, assisted by the Rt. Rev. George Burgess, D. D., Bishop of Maine.

The congregation having retired, the Chair was taken by the Bishop, and the following list of Clergymen entitled

to seats in the Convention was called over by the Secretary :—

The Rev. Ethan Allen,	The Rev. <i>Daniel Leach</i> ,
" Samuel B. Babcock,	" George Leeds,
" William S. Bartlet,	" Charles Mason,
" Alfred L. Baury,	" C. F. McRae,
" <i>Nathaniel T. Bent</i> ,	" Arch. M. Morrison,
" Gordon M. Bradley,	" George Packard,
" John T. Burrill,	" William P. Page,
" Benjamin H. Chase,	" Robert J. Parvin,
" Moses B. Chase,	" Emery M. Porter,
" <i>William S. Child</i> ,	" Thos. R. Pynchon,
" <i>Charles Cleveland</i> ,	" Geo. M. Randall,
" Joseph H. Clinch,	" Edward A. Renouf,
" William B. Colburn,	" Spencer M. Rice,
" Andrew Croswell,	" John B. Richmond,
" Samuel Cutler,	" John P. Robinson,
" Edward L. Drown,	" John H. Rouse,
" Asa Eaton, D. D.,	" Samuel B. Shaw,
" Theodore Edson, D.D.	" Edmund F. Slafter,
" Thomas F. Fales,	" John C. Smith,
" Justin Field	" Wm. T. Smithett,
" William Flint,	" T. W. Snow,
" Thomas B. Flower,	" Moses P. Stickney,
" Samuel Fuller, D. D.,	" J. S. Stone, D.D.,
" Lewis Green,	" <i>Titus Strong, D.D.</i>
" Isaac W. Hallam,	" J. S. Townsend,
" David G. Haskins,	" A.H. Vinton, D.D.,
" Nicholas Hoppin,	" J. Wayland, D.D.,
" William Horton,	" E.M.P. Wells, D.D.
" John P. Hubbard,	" G. D. Wildes,
" John Irwin,	" <i>Shipley W. Willson</i> ,
" Edward Jessup,	" C. Wiltberger,
" Thomas R. Lambert,	" Wm. Withington,

Who, with the exception of those whose names are printed in *italics*, appeared and took their seats.

The certificates of Lay Delegates were then handed in, and the names of the Delegates called over by the Secretary. In the following list, all whose names are not printed in *italics*, were present during some portion of the sittings of the Convention.

Trinity Church, Boston. George M. Dexter, Benjamin P. Richardson, Edward Blake.

Christ Church, Boston.

St. Paul's Church, Boston. James B. Dow, Isaac Emery, Benjamin F. Hallett.

Grace Church, Boston. Robert M. Mason, Richard Sullivan, Chester Daniell.

Church of the Messiah, Boston. Samuel H. Gregory, Edward S. Babbitt, Lemuel N. Ide.

Church of the Advent, Boston. Henry Tuke Parker, Frederick H. Stimpson, Samuel Eliot.

St. Mark's Church, Boston. William Lang, Francis J. Parker, J. E. Rousmaniere.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston. David Clapp, Samuel H. Jenks, Edward H. Brainard.

St. John's Church, East Boston. Myron Turner, William H. Munroe, Thomas Cassady.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea. Sebeus C. Maine, Joel Patrick, Orren E. Downing.

Christ Church, Cambridge. Herbert H. Stimpson, Henry M. Parker, Francis L. Bachelder.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport. Isaac Lum, Benjamin Woodward.

St. John's Church, Charlestown. Peter Hubbell, Samuel Rice, Andrew J. Locke.

Christ Church, Medford. W. Tracy, G. D. Porter, F. Z. Seymour.

St. Paul's Church, Brookline. James S. Amory, Thomas Parsons, William Aspinwall.

Christ Church, Waltham. Gilbert N. Cheney, Joseph G. Moody, James E. Butts.

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls. Ezra Warren, Alpheus Morse, R. B. Blasdell.

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.

St. Peter's Church, Salem. Benjamin P. Chamberlain, Stephen B. Ives, William R. Gavett.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead. Thomas Evans, Thomas H. Merritt, Simon Stone.

St Paul's Church, Newburyport. Edward S. Rand, N. Foster, Edward S. Moseley.

St. James's Church, Amesbury. Philip Osgood, Stephen Webster, R. W. Robinson.

Christ Church, Andover. Francis Coggsell, Marcus Morton, Jr., Samuel Gray.

Grace Church, Lawrence. Henry Barton, L. A. Bishop, B. F. Watson.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell. Stephen Cushing, Walter Wright.

St. Mary's Church, Dorchester. Charles Stimpson, Robert Richardson, A. H. Stevens.

St. James's Church, Roxbury. Sanford M. Hunt, Francis Hilliard, John B. Kettell.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain. William H. Sumner, Edward N. Perkins, Jona. Amory.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham. Ira Cleveland, William Ames, Rufus E. Dixon.

Christ Church, Quincy. George Veazie, Levi White, Ezra Walker.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover. Lemuel Salmond, Lemuel C. Waterman, Josiah M. Smith.

Christ Church, Plymouth.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater. John Edson, George L. Edson.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton. William A. Crocker, Caleb Bryant, Edmund H. Bennett.

Grace Church, New Bedford. L. P. Ashmead, Wm. G. Blackler, Cyrus W. Chapman.

Church of the Ascension, Fall River. Walter C. Durfee, George W. Fraprie, George S. Orr.

Christ Church, Swansea. William Pearce, Preserved S. Gardner, George Austin.

Christ Church, Clappville. Charles Barnes.

All Saint's Church, Worcester. Thomas Bottomly, Sumner Pratt, H. K. Newcomb.

St. John's Church, Millville. Lyman C. Curtis, Gideon B. Mowry, James B. Hall.

Christ Church, Springfield. James H. Morton, John B. Stebbins, Roger S. Moore.

St. James's Church, Greenfield. Simeon Phillips.

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough. Hobart Newton, Andrew J. Lewis.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield. Edward A. Newton, Joel Stevens, Timothy Childs.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville. Seth Hartwell, Abram Chase, Joseph Webb.

St. John's Church, Northampton. Samuel L. Hinckley, Samuel A. Fisk, Thomas L. Raynor.

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton. Luke Whitney, Joseph Burnett.

St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.

St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.

St. Paul's Church, Otis. Lester Filley, Marcus Phelps, Alanson Crittenden.

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge. Daniel B. Fenn, *Mason Van Deusen, Henry W. Dwight.*

Trinity Church, Lenox.

Trinity Church, Vandeusenville.

Trinity Church, Pawtucket. Joseph Smith, Joseph Y. Green, Russel L. Tupper.

Grace Church, Chicopee. Charles E. Barnes.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Secretary, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, the former Secretary, be re-elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Treasurer, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, the former Treasurer, be re-elected.

The Chair having announced the presence of the Right Rev. George Burgess, D. D., in the House, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to invite the Bishop of the Diocese of Maine to take a seat in this Convention, and that a chair be placed for him, at the right hand of the President.

On motion,

Resolved, That Clergymen of this Church not entitled to seats in the Convention, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to be present at the sittings of this body.

Whereupon the following gentlemen appeared and took seats in the Convention :

The Rt. Rev. George Burgess, D. D., Bishop of Maine.

The Rev. S. C. Millett, Beloit, Wis.

“ E. A. Strong, Agent of the
Committee on Missions, Ohio.

“ Henry Burroughs, Jr., Massachusetts.

“ Francis Byrne, Jamaica, W. I.

“ Heman Dyer, D. D., New York.

“ W. C. Stevens, D. D., Virginia.

“ John West, Massachusetts.

Mr. William H. Munroe, Candidate for Orders, Mass.

Mr. William S. Perry, “ “ “

Mr. F. W. Hilliard, “ “ “

On motion,

Resolved, That the usual Committees be appointed by the Chair.

The Chair accordingly made the following appointments :

Committee on Qualifications. Rev. George Packard, Rev. Charles Mason, B. F. Hallett.

Committee on New Parishes. Rev. Emery M. Porter, Rev. William S. Bartlet, Edmund H. Bennett.

Committee on Finance. Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D., Edward A. Newton, Isaac Emery.

Executive Committee. Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, Rev. John Irwin, Rev. Nicholas Hoppin.

Committee on Unfinished Business. Rev. William P. Page, John Edson.

The Secretary asked leave to appoint an assistant, which,

On motion, was granted.

The Secretary appointed the Rev. Justin Field.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rules of Order adopted at the last Convention be adopted for the government of this Session.

The Rev. George M. Randall presented the application for the admission of St. John's Church, Sandwich, into union with the Convention, which,

On motion, was referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention now adjourn to 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Trinity Church, 4 o'clock, P.M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning Session were read and approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That the claim of the Rev. Edmund B. Palmer to a seat and vote in this Convention be referred to the Committee on Qualifications.

Some additional Certificates of Lay Delegates, not presented in the forenoon, were read and referred to the Committee on Qualifications.

The Bishop then delivered his

Annual Address :

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY :

I now present to you, as it is incumbent upon me, the statement of my official acts, during the eight months that have elapsed since the adjournment of our last Convention.

On Ascension Day, May 25, at an Ordination held in Trinity Church, Boston, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. William B. Colburn, Deacon, Rector of St. Paul's, Otis. The Sermon on this occasion was preached by the Rev. Dr. Vinton, Rector of St. Paul's, Boston ; who, together with the Rev. Messrs. Baury, Wiltberger,

Burroughs, Randall, Smithett, and Jessup, united with me in the imposition of hands.

On Tuesday, June 13, at an Ordination held in Grace Church, Boston, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Benjamin H. Chase, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. John B. Richmond, Rector of St. Michael's, Marblehead. Mr. Chase, since his ordination, has been officiating as the Minister of St. John's, Wilkinsonville, the charge of which had, not long before that time, been relinquished by the Rev. D. L. B. Goodwin, who is now residing in the Diocese of Rhode Island. Mr. Goodwin's long and most faithful services in Wilkinsonville demand my own public acknowledgment on this occasion ; and have not, I trust, been unmarked by my brethren of the Clergy. I feel the cessation of his labors among us to be a great loss ; and still indulge the hope that some opening may occur, whereby we may continue to be benefited by his scriptural ministrations, and by the example of his consistent life.

On Wednesday and Thursday, June 28 and 29, I attended the Annual Meeting in New York of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

On Friday, July 14, the Bishop of Virginia, at my request, admitted to Deacon's Orders, in Christ Church, Alexandria, Mr. William Colvin Brown, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese, and a Student of the Theological Seminary of Virginia. Mr. Brown has been since transferred to the Diocese of Missouri, and is the Minister of St. George's, St. Louis.

On Wednesday, September 6, in St. Paul's, Nantucket, I read prayers in the morning, and the Rev. Mr. Wiltberger, by whom I was accompanied to the island, preached, and baptized an adult ; and I confirmed 1 in the afternoon.

On the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 10, I preached in the morning in the Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole. To my

great disappointment, no other service was practicable on account of a violent tempest of wind and rain, which raged during the whole of the day and evening. The Rev. Mr. Wiltberger preached in the Academy on the preceding Friday evening.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 3 and 4, I attended, in St. John's Church, Hartford, Connecticut, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions of our Church.

On the evening of Thursday, October 5, I confirmed 4 in Christ Church, Springfield.

On the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, October 8, I confirmed 4 in the morning in Christ Church, Clappville ; and

In the afternoon of the same day, confirmed 5 in All Saints', Worcester.

On Tuesday, October 10, I preached in the morning in St. John's, Ashfield ; and in the afternoon confirmed 2 in the same church, and catechized the children of the parish.

On Thursday, October 12, I preached in the morning in St. Luke's, Lanesborough ; and in the afternoon confirmed 2, and catechized the children.

On Friday, October 13, in St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and addressed the parents, teachers, and others who were assembled ; and confirmed 5 persons in the evening. I have to state, and do so with great pleasure, that the members of the congregation are taking active measures for the building of a parsonage. This is another important step in the progress which this parish has made within the last few years.

On the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, October 15, I preached in the morning, and catechized the children, in St. Paul's, Stockbridge. I am happy to state, that the parishioners of St. Paul's have added a tower to their church, and also made several improvements in the interior of the edifice. It is now one of the most beautiful churches in the Diocese.

In the afternoon of the same day, I preached in Trinity Church, Lenox.

On Wednesday, October 18, being the Festival of St. Luke the Evangelist, I had the satisfaction of assisting at the consecration of the Rev. Henry W. Lee, D. D., Rector of St. Luke's, Rochester, as Bishop of the Diocese of Iowa ; and also preached the Sermon. This interesting and impressive service took place within the walls of that church, where, for the seven previous years, Dr. Lee had so faithfully proclaimed the everlasting Gospel. Until the close of the year 1847, he had been the Rector, since his ordination, of Christ Church, Springfield, in this Diocese ; and this circumstance, in addition to the vast importance of that field of labor of which he is now the constituted overseer, will, I am sure, give him a place in your best wishes, and your affectionate and fervent prayers. May the Lord give him grace to be " faithful unto death," that so he may at last, when his warfare is ended, receive the " crown of life !"

On Tuesday, October 24, I preached in the morning, and catechized the children, in Trinity Church, Vandeusenville ; and afterwards confirmed, at her residence, a sick member of the parish.

In the afternoon of the same day, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Parvin, I catechized the children in St. James's Church, Great Barrington ; and in the evening confirmed 6 persons. The vacancy in this parish, created by the resignation of the Rev. John Woart, was temporarily supplied for several months by the Rev. Mr. Byrne, from the Island of Jamaica.

On Thursday, October 26, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon, and catechized the children, in St. Paul's, Otis.

On Friday, October 27, I preached in the afternoon in St. Andrew's, New Boston.

On Tuesday, October 31, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon in St.

John's, Wilkinsonville, and also catechized the children ; and afterwards confirmed a sick person at a private house.

In the evening of Tuesday, November 7, in Christ Church, Waltham, after addresses by the Rev. Messrs. Horton, Irwin, and Wiltberger, and the Rev. Dr. Vinton, I delivered the concluding address on the subject of Missions ; this being one of the meetings of the Eastern District Church Missionary Association.

On the Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity, November 12, I confirmed 10 in the afternoon in St. Mary's, Newton, Lower Falls, and also catechized the children.

On Wednesday, November 22, I was present, in Trinity Church, New York, at the consecration of the Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., as Provisional Bishop of that Diocese ; and took part in the services of that solemn and interesting occasion. Let our prayers ascend to Almighty God, that he who has thus, in Divine Providence, been placed in charge of that important portion of the Lord's Vineyard, from the oversight of which his predecessor, Bishop Wainwright, was so soon removed to the eternal world, may be endued with power from on high for the discharge of his momentous trust.

On the evening of the First Sunday in Advent, December 3, I confirmed 3 in Christ Church, Quincy.

On Wednesday, December 6, in Grace Church, Providence, Rhode Island, I assisted at the Consecration of the Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Hartford, Connecticut, and formerly Assistant Minister of Trinity Church in this city, to the Episcopate of the Diocese of Rhode Island. May the Great Head of the Church fit him for all his work ; and make him, and all of us who have been called to succeed the sainted Griswold, to be what that man of God so pre-eminently was, " in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech that cannot be condemned !" These inspired words, as an accurate description of your late venerated Diocesan's

preaching and principles, I caused to be engraven, as part of his epitaph, upon the mural tablet to his memory which adorns these walls. May the ambassadors of Christ of all degrees, in these time-serving days, aim at the same exalted mark ; and He whom they serve shall honor them with the same reward, in the day when they shall give account of their stewardship.

On the following day, December 7, I had the great gratification of consecrating to the service of Almighty God St. John's Church, Millville. This occasion was one of great joy to my own heart, and to the hearts of many others. Four years had elapsed, since this beautiful and substantial stone edifice was first opened for public worship ; but, inasmuch as the debt remaining upon it had not been cancelled, it could not be solemnly dedicated to the Lord. It pleased God, however, to put it into the heart of one generous-hearted member of the parish to remove this difficulty out of the way. The person to whom I allude, — Edward S. Hall, Esq., — liquidated the indebtedness ; and, in addition to this, at his own expense enclosed the church with a strong stone wall, beautified the grounds, and completed the bell-turret. The whole cost of the building, as thus finished, has been about \$10,000 ; of which \$6000 have been contributed by the munificent individual above-mentioned. I am well aware that this public record of his Christian liberality will be unwelcome to himself ; but I feel constrained, nevertheless, by a sense of the beneficial effect of such examples upon others, thus openly to speak of the blessings conferred by him upon the place where he resides, and upon the Diocese of which he is a member. May the Lord reward him by an abundant measure of the peace of God in his own soul, through humble dependence upon the merits of Christ Jesus ; and also by permitting him to witness the results of his bounty, in souls converted and saved through the ministry of the word within those walls ! In the services of this occasion, I

had the pleasure of being aided by the Assistant Bishop of Connecticut; and several of the clergy of our own Diocese, as well as from the Dioceses of Connecticut and Rhode Island, were present at the solemnities of the day. The church bears evident marks of the skill of Mr. Upjohn, its architect; and I would also mention, that, not long before the day of consecration, an organ of superior quality, of Mr. Hook's manufacture, was placed within this beautiful sanctuary, and two bells were raised to their appropriate spot in the turret constructed for that purpose.

I take this opportunity of mentioning that the Rev. Mr. Rice, under whose ministry this parish has greatly flourished, has resigned it, and become the Rector of Grace Church, New Bedford. The latter parish had just before become vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Homer, who has removed to the Diocese of Western New York.

On the Second Sunday in Advent, December 10, I confirmed 9 in the afternoon in St. James's, Roxbury.

On Wednesday Evening, December 13, at the same church, I delivered an Address at one of the meetings of the Southern District Church Missionary Association, after addresses by the Rev. E. A. Strong, Agent of the Missionary and Education Committee of the Diocese of Ohio, and the Rev. Edward L. Drown, Rector of St. Mary's, Dorchester.

On the Third Sunday in Advent, December 17, I delivered a sermon in the evening at the Tremont Temple in this city, before the Boston Young Men's Christian Association; being one of a course preached on Sunday evenings by various ministers of the Gospel. This useful Institution, composed of young men sympathizing with each other, though attached to different communions, in the great fundamental doctrines of the faith "once delivered to the saints," is fulfilling with great success, by the Divine blessing, the purposes for which it was formed.

On the Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 24, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in St. Peter's, Cambridgeport, including 1 from Christ Church, Cambridge, and catechized the children; and afterwards confirmed a sick parishioner at her own residence.

On the evening of St. John the Evangelist's Day, Wednesday, December 27, I attended the Annual Examination of the Sunday School of Christ Church, Boston. On this interesting occasion, which took place in the church, I catechized the children; whose readiness in answering showed the thoroughness with which they had been instructed. I afterwards addressed to them a few remarks; and also delivered an address to the teachers and parents of the children.

In the afternoon of the Sunday after Christmas Day, December 31, I confirmed 14 in St. John's, Jamaica Plain.

In the evening of the same day, I had the pleasure of attending, in company with the Rector of St. Paul's, Boston, the Annual Examination of the Sunday School of the Church of the Messiah, in this city. Dr. Vinton addressed the congregation on this highly interesting occasion; and I made a brief exhortation to the teachers, standing before me in front of the chancel rails. My reverend brethren, one of the most momentous parts of our office, as ministers of the everlasting gospel, is that which consists in the training of the young. In the present day more especially, is this department of our labors supremely important. Our only safety is to be found in pre-occupying the minds of children with scriptural truth, and thus fortifying them against the abounding scepticism which will assail them in their advancing years.

In the evening of the First Sunday after the Epiphany, January 7, 1855, I confirmed 8 in Grace Church, Boston.

It will be borne in mind, that, owing to the early period at which the present Convention meets, the number of persons reported as

having been confirmed must of course be small ; as, in place of a Visitation of the whole Diocese, opportunity has been afforded only for visiting a portion of the Western parishes, and a few elsewhere situated, — while all the city churches, with one exception, and the entire Eastern and Southern districts of Massachusetts, have been necessarily omitted. During the interval between the last and the present Convention, I have confirmed 85 persons ; consecrated 1 church ; and ordained 1 Priest, and 2 Deacons. I have also to state, that a Parish has been organized in the town of Sandwich, by the name of St. John's ; being the result of occasional ministrations kindly rendered by the Rev. Mr. Flower, of Wood's Hole.

The Candidates for Orders of the Diocese are the following :— Frederick O. Barstow, J. S. Copley Greene, Winalow W. Sever, William H. Munroe, Charles H. Canfield, William S. Perry, Edward Cowley, Francis W. Hilliard, and Lucius W. Bancroft — Total, 9. Mr. Pelham Williams, on the list of candidates presented to the last Convention, has, at his own request, been transferred to the Diocese of Maine.

The following changes have taken place in the Diocese, in addition to those already mentioned :— The Rev. Henry S. Attwater has removed, with letters dimissory, to the Diocese of Connecticut ; the Rev. Benjamin B. Babbitt has been transferred to Rhode Island ; and the Rev. John A. Jerome to New Jersey. The Rev. Philip Tocque, Deacon, was in August last received from Rhode Island ; and was immediately afterwards transferred to the Diocese of Nova Scotia. The Rev. Edmund B. Palmer has relinquished his situation as Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Bridgewater. The Rev. Alfred L. Baury, who has taken an active and laudable interest in the concerns of St. Paul's, Hopkinton, has lately been chosen Rector of the parish. The Rev. T. W. Snow has, I regret to say, by an indisposition which requires a protracted rest from duty, been com-

pelled to resign the Rectorship of St. Thomas's, Taunton. And the Rev. John Cotton Smith, I am happy to state, has, by God's blessing, recovered his health, and is now again discharging his duties as Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Boston.

I am called to announce the fact, of which you are already aware, that, since we last assembled together, one of God's ministering servants in this Diocese has been called to his eternal rest. On the 11th of last month, the Rev. Benjamin Austin, Rector of St. James's, Amesbury, expired after a short illness. Our esteemed brother, at the time when he was attacked with the disease which proved fatal, was in the diligent and successful prosecution of his work, in the parish which is now deprived of his services; and a blessing had evidently accompanied his ministry. And his end was peace. It is the testimony given me by one of the neighboring clergy, who affectionately and frequently attended him during his illness, that "his reliance upon our Redeemer was firm and entire." This being the fact, we have nothing on his own account to lament, in the departure of him who, at an early period of life, has been thus summoned away. He has exchanged the field of conflict for the crown of life: but, in the event which is now recorded, let us hear the voice of our Master saying to us, "Be ye also ready!"

It gives me great pleasure to say, that the endeavor to remove the pecuniary embarrassments of Grace Church, Chicopee, which, at the last Convention, I stated as being in progress, was completely successful; and that parish is now enjoying prosperity. I have to thank those benevolent persons who, by their contributions, accomplished this result; and we are under deep obligations, above all, to the Rev. Mr. Jessup, the Rector, through whose zeal and personal labor these subscriptions were obtained.

Some months since, St. John's Church, East Boston, was opened for divine service. Its consecration, however, owing to the indebted-

ness which still rests upon it, has not yet taken place. The liability, since the last Convention, has been considerably reduced, and what remains to be discharged is not large in amount. I trust that the congregation will be aided in the accomplishment of so desirable an object.

I have great satisfaction in recording, that Trinity Church, Boston, the edifice in which we are now assembled, has at length, through the wise liberality of the parish, been furnished with gas-lights. The judicious and finished manner in which this measure has been executed, requires my warm thanks to the Vestry. Opportunity will now be afforded for opening this spacious building for such occasional evening services, as may from time to time be desirable. I also take this occasion for mentioning, that the new Sunday School Room of the parish has been furnished with its proper seats; and in the wall at one end has been inserted the ancient clock, which, in bygone years, occupied a place in front of the organ gallery of the old Church erected in colonial times, and which gave place to the present sanctuary.

I made a few observations, in my Address to the Convention of 1849, in regard to the great importance of increasing the Episcopal Fund of this Diocese. I beg to bring the same topic again before your attention; and, having, through God's goodness, no private interest in the measure, I can urge it the more freely. The weighty arguments in favor of our making provision, as a Diocese, for the maintenance of the Episcopate, are so obvious as to need no enumeration at this time. With the hope, therefore, that my brethren of the Clergy and Laity may be led, by these few suggestions, to take some steps in a matter with which the welfare of the Diocese is so intimately connected, I will only commend the subject to your serious deliberation.

And now, dear brethren, before closing this brief Address, I feel,

as always on similar occasions, a strong desire to say a word or two which may animate you to new devotedness in doing the work of the Lord. And what can I say to those of you who minister in holy things, more fitting than these words of the great apostle of the Gentiles? — “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and doctrine.” What can I speak to the people of God, better than this fervent wish of the same apostle? — “The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” We are dwelling in the midst of an ungodly, careless, and impenitent world. Let us, the ambassadors of Christ, so set forth the counsel of God, — and let those who call themselves Christians so detach themselves from the world, and adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour, — that we may both together be instrumental in winning souls to the Redeemer’s kingdom hereafter, and to that spiritual mind, in this world, which “is life and peace!”

On motion,

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop’s Address as relates to increase of the Episcopal Fund, be referred to a Committee of three, to report to this Convention to-morrow.

The Chair appointed the Hon. Edward A. Newton, Mr. James S. Amory, and Mr. G. M. Dexter, as that Committee.

The Rev. George Packard, from the Committee on Qualifications, made the following report :

The Committee on Qualifications respectfully report that the List of Clergy read by the Secretary is correct, and that the name of the Rev. E. B. Palmer be added thereto. That the certificates of Lay Delegates, whose names have been taken by the Secretary are valid, and said Delegates are entitled to seats in this Convention.

The Delegate from the Parish of St James's, Greenfield, having lost his certificate of appointment, the Committee received evidence of the contents and truth of the original certificate, a copy of which, satisfactorily attested, was received in lieu of the lost paper, and the Delegate is reported as entitled to his seat.

The certificate from St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, is informal, it appearing thereby, that the Delegates were chosen at a Parish Meeting held April 17, 1854, "to represent that Church as Lay Delegates in any Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which may be holden'during the ensuing year." The Delegates so chosen have served under said choice in the Convention of this Diocese, held in May last; and the Committee are of opinion, that by a strict construction, their power as Delegates does not extend to another annual Convention. But as misapprehension has arisen from the change of the time of holding the annual Convention, and the Parish having, by calling no other meeting, obviously regarded this choice of Delegates as embracing the present Convention, the Committee recommend that they be admitted to seats in this Convention.

Two Certificates of the election of separate Delegations from Christ Church, Boston, have been submitted to the Committee, upon which the respective parties desire to be heard, and the Committee have the same under consideration.

GEORGE PACKARD.

The report was accepted, and the Rev. Mr. Palmer admitted to his seat.

On motion,

Resolved, That the recommendation contained in the foregoing report in reference to the delegation from St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, be adopted, and the delegates admitted to seats.

The Rev. George D. Wildes, from the Board of Missions to Seamen, made the annual Report of that Body ; the statistics therein contained will be found in the report of the Rev. Mr. Wiltberger, in the Appendix.

The Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, from the Standing Committee, presented a report in reference to the case of the Church of St. Mary for Seamen, stating that they had considered the application as prescribed by the Canon of 1852, and are unanimously of opinion that the said Church is essentially and only that of a missionary Parish, and should be so regarded in its application for union with this Convention.

Which report was, on motion,

Laid upon the table, to be made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D. D. presented the following Canon :

CANON OF MISSIONARY PARISHES.

Missionary Parishes established for the benefit of a particular class or particular classes of persons, whether the same be duly organized, or be under the direction of any missionary Board, may be admitted into union with this Convention.

Provided, that no such parish shall be entitled to send delegates to the Convention, so long as it shall retain its particular missionary character.

This Canon is not to be regarded as repugnant to the last Section of Article 3, of the Constitution, such article having special reference to ordinary Parishes.

Which Canon was, on motion, adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the election of the officers of the Convention be made the order of the day for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

On motion,
Resolved, That this Convention adjourn to 9 o'clock
to-morrow morning.
Adjourned.

Thursday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Edward Jessup,
Rector of Grace Church, Chicopee.

The roll having been called, some members not present
yesterday appeared and took their seats.

The minutes of yesterday's Session were read, amended
and approved.

The Rev. George M. Randall, from the standing Com-
mittee, made the following annual Report of that Body :

Report of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee present to the Convention the follow-
ing Report of their doings, as required by the eighth article of
the Constitution.

The Committee was duly organized on the 29th day of May,
A. D., 1854, by the choice of the Rev. Alexander H. Vinton,
D. D., President, and the Rev. George M. Randall, Secretary.

Eleven meetings of the Committee have been holden since
their appointment.

The Committee have signed the Canonical Testimonials, giving
their assent to the Consecration of the Rev. Henry W. Lee, D.D.,
Bishop-elect of Iowa ; the Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., Provisional
Bishop-elect of New York ; and the Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D.D.,
Bishop-elect of Rhode Island.

They have signed the Canonical Certificates in favor of Wil-
liam C. Brown (late a minister of the Baptist denomination,)
Edward Cowley, Francis W. Hilliard, and Lucius W. Bancroft,
applying to become candidates for Holy Orders ; and of Benjamin
H. Chase and William C. Brown, applying to be admitted to
Deacon's Orders.

They have approved the bill of James B. Dow for printing the Journals of the Diocesan Convention.

The Committee have acted as a council of advice to the Bishop of the Diocese on two occasions.

For the Committee,

GEORGE M. RANDALL, *Secretary.*

The Rev. George M. Randall, from the same Committee, also offered the following report :

The Standing Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the parish of the Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole, Falmouth, for admission into union, with this Convention,

Report, that this parish was duly organized, on the 18th day of September, A. D. 1852.

A Church edifice has been erected, paid for and consecrated.

A minister has been called, and since the last Convention has been regularly officiating.

There is no other place of worship in the village.

The Committee unanimously recommend that this parish be admitted into union with the Convention.

For the Committee,

GEORGE M. RANDALL, *Secretary.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the above report be referred back to the Standing Committee for further action.

The Rev. William Horton offered the following resolutions :

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased brother, Rev. Benjamin Austin, late Rector of St. James's Church, Amesbury, therefore,

Resolved, That in his decease the Church has sustained the loss of one, who, by diligence in his studies, and by

devotedness to the duties of the pastoral office, was, under God, "an able minister of the New Testament;" and by his truly Christian spirit, was growing in favor with God and man.

Resolved, That this bereavement solemnly reminds us, how soon and how suddenly we may be called from the field of our labors to the scene of our reward, and calls us to renewed and increased diligence and fidelity, in the discharge of the duties belonging to us as ambassadors of Jesus Christ.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention be requested to send a copy of these resolves to the family and kindred of our departed brother, expressing our sympathy with them in this their painful bereavement.

Which were, on motion, unanimously adopted.

The Rev. Emery M. Porter made the following report from the Committee on New Parishes:

The Committee on the admission of New Parishes would respectfully report, that but one application of this nature has been referred to them, viz., that of St. John's Church, in the town of Sandwich and county of Barnstable.

This application states that a Parish was duly organized, and the Constitution and Canons of the Church were acceded to; and the Parish now petitions to be admitted into union with the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts. The application is signed by the Wardens and Vestry of the Parish. Thus far Article Fourth of the Constitution is complied with. This Article, however, provides that a Parish seeking admission into union with this Convention must have laid before the Convention written evidence that it has been duly organized for the *space of one year*, and during that time has held regular public services. The Parish of St. John's Church states in its application that it was organ-

ized in *December*, 1854. It therefore cannot be admitted at the present Convention.

EMERY M. PORTER, *Chairman.*

The hour having arrived for the order of the day, the House proceeded to the election of officers of the Convention for the ensuing year.

The Chair appointed the Rev. A. Morrison and Mr. Samuel Eliot a Committee to collect and count the votes for a Standing Committee.

The Rev. George Packard from the Committee on Qualifications made the following additional report from that body :

The Committee on Qualifications, to whom were referred the certificates of Delegates from Christ Church, Boston, report, that they have heard the parties, and find that it is impossible to give the subject the consideration it deserves, within the period that this Convention will continue in session. They therefore recommend, that none of the applicants for seats in the Convention from Christ Church, be admitted.

GEORGE PACKARD.

Which report was, on motion, accepted.

The Rev. Theodore Snow, Secretary of the Board of Missions, presented the annual Report of that Body.

Report of the Board of Missions.

This Board respectfully presents to the Convention this their Nineteenth Annual Report.

The appropriations for the year have been as follows :

To the Missionary at St. John's Church, East Boston,	\$400
" " " St. Paul's, " Otis, }	100
" " " St. Andrew's, " New Boston, }	
" " " St. Paul's, " Stockbridge, }	150
" " " Trinity, " Lenox, }	

To the Missionary at Trinity Church, Vandeusenville,	100
“ “ “ St. Peter’s, “ Cambridgeport,	100
“ “ “ Grace, “ Chicopee,	200
“ “ “ St. Luke’s, “ Chelsea,	100
“ “ “ Ascension, “ Fall River,	75
“ “ “ Trinity, “ Pawtucket,	100
“ “ “ St. Paul’s, “ Nantucket,	150
“ “ “ Messiah, “ Wood’s Hole,	200
Total,	<u>\$1675</u>

Our treasury, we are happy to state once more, is free from debt.

THEODORE W. SNOW, *Secretary*.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Board of Missions for the ensuing year, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the following persons constitute the Board of Missions :

Board of Missions.

The Rev. Charles Mason,	Mr. Otis Daniell,
“ J. Wayland, D.D.,	“ James B. Dow,
“ Thomas F. Fales,	“ George M. Dexter,
“ Joseph H. Clinch,	“ Charles H. Parker.
“ George M. Randall,	
“ William Horton,	
“ T. W. Snow,	

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Board of Commissioners for Church Extension, for the ensuing year, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the following persons constitute this Board :

The Rev. A. H. Vinton, D.D., Mr. William Appleton,
" Theo. Edson, D.D., " George M. Dexter,
" John Wayland, D.D. " Ebenezer Rhodes.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Board of Missions for Seamen for the ensuing year, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the vote be taken separately on the names of the individuals to constitute that body.

The following gentlemen were elected :

The Rev. George D. Wildes,	Mr. Benjamin C. Clark,
" John Irwin,	" Martin L. Bradford,
Mr. Richard Girdler,	" Foster Waterman,
" James Lee, Jr.,	" George A. Brown,
Dr. William R. Lawrence,	" Charles H. Parker.

The Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, presented his annual account. (See Appendix.)

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the fuller explanation of Canon of 1853, and more equitable adjustment of the assessments on the several Parishes, if such should seem necessary.

The Chair appointed the Rev. William S. Bartlet, Mr. Edward Blake, and Mr. William Ames.

The Rev. Dr. Vinton from the Committee appointed at the last Convention on Canon of 1852, on the admission of New Parishes, asked to be discharged, which request was,

On motion, granted, and the Committee discharged.

The report presented yesterday by the Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D. D., and which was made the order of to-day for 11 o'clock, was taken up.

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On motion,

Resolved, That the free Church of St. Mary for Sailors, be admitted into union with this Convention.

The Rev. Alexander H. Vinton offered the following amendments to the Constitution, to lie over for the action of the next Convention.

Art. 3, last section. Insert after the word "Convention," the following, "*except such as are established for the benefit of a particular class or particular classes of persons.*"

Strike out the word "*Commonwealth*" and the word "*State*" wherever either occurs in the title or in the body of the Constitution, and insert the word "*diocese.*"

On motion,

Resolved, That the vote by which the Canon was adopted yesterday on the admission of Missionary Parishes be reconsidered.

The Rev. A. H. Vinton, the proposer of said Canon, then withdrew the same.

Mr. Samuel Eliot, from the Committee to collect and count the votes for Standing Committee, reported that the Convention had made choice of the following gentlemen:

Standing Committee.

The Rev. George M. Randall, Mr. Otis Daniell,

" A. H. Vinton, D.D., " George M. Dexter,

" Charles Mason,

and that there is one lay vacancy.

On motion,

Resolved, That in filling the above vacancy, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. William Appleton, having the highest number of votes on the first ballot, be declared elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee appointed at the last Convention, on Legislation for the Church, be continued.

The Hon. Edward A. Newton, from the Committee on the increase of the Episcopal fund, made the following report :

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the increase of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese, have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to report.

In the judgment of the Committee, the subject is one of the highest importance to the well-being of the Church in this Diocese. The time must come when the whole, or nearly the whole, time of the Bishop ought to be, and must be devoted, among us, to the exclusive duties of the Episcopate. The Church cannot be expected to prosper in the highest degree, either in respect to extent or character, without this undivided service. At present, we cannot have it, because we have not the adequate means for a Bishop's support, independently of parochial service ; and because we have voluntarily entered into an engagement with our present Diocesan, which we have neither the right nor the inclination to disturb. But it is believed that the sentiment is nearly universal throughout the Diocese, that a similar arrangement can never be consented to for the future. The double duty, if fully performed, is too arduous for any man, and should not be required of any.

Being content, then, with our present situation, and having before us time, as we humbly hope, for accumulating a fund, in addition to what we now possess, that will be adequate for a Bishop's support, if a sufficient amount, small in itself, be now contributed and allowed to increase,—the Committee propose, that an effort be made, as soon as is thought advisable, to raise the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars at the least, to be placed out at interest under the management of the " Trustees of

Donations to the Protestant Episcopal Church," and allowed to accumulate until it reaches the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars, or quadruples. If the rate of interest at which the proposed capital shall be compounded, should be equal to six per cent. annually, the desired amount will be reached within the period of twenty-five years, or, if at the rate of five per cent., in about the space of thirty years. Until then, unless the fund be sooner increased by an additional contribution to its capital, we must patiently wait, and make the best of the condition in which we shall find ourselves.

We therefore recommend, that a Committee of six members of the Church, four from the city and two from the country parishes, be appointed by this Convention, to carry the foregoing views into execution, with power to add to their number if they deem it advisable; and to do all matters and things in the premises as to them shall seem proper and right, and report to this Convention at its next annual meeting; and they further recommend, that the following gentlemen be elected as that Committee, viz:

Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, Hon. William Appleton,
Hon. Samuel A. Crocker, Hon. Edward A. Newton,
Robert M. Mason, Esq., William F. Otis, Esq.

EDWARD A. NEWTON,

JAMES S. AMORY,

GEORGE M. DEXTER,

Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the recommendation with which the above report concludes be adopted.

The Rev. William S. Bartlet from the Committee appointed upon the Canon of 1828, made the following report:

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the fuller explanation of Canon of 1828, amended in Convention of 1849, Respecting Contingent Expenses and the more equitable assessment on the several Parishes, if such should be necessary, would respectfully report, that instead of the words "*on the salary of its minister,*" in the fifth line of said Canon, the words *on the amount received by its minister for his services as such, excluding any sums paid him as Missionary*, be substituted.

WILLIAM S. BARTLET, *Chairman.*

Which alteration was, on motion, adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized and instructed to send to each Rector in the diocese at reasonable time before the meeting of the Annual Convention, a blank form of Parochial Report, and also a blank form of the Certificate of Lay Delegates.

On motion,

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the Journal be printed.

The Hon. Edward A. Newton from the Finance Committee made the following report :

That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the following sums, for the travelling expenses of clergymen attending this Convention :—The Rev. John Hubbard, \$7; The Rev. E. Jessup, \$7; The Rev. T. B. Flower, \$5; The Rev. W. Withington, \$3; The Rev. R. J. Parvin, \$10; The Rev. J. H. Rouse, \$6; The Rev. S. B. Shaw, \$10; The Rev. J. S. Townsend, \$3; The Rev. E. Allen, \$10; The Rev. W. B. Colburn, \$10.

The Rev. S. B. Babcock from the Executive Committee made the following report :

They recommend that the Rev. John Wayland, D. D., be the preacher before the next Convention, and the Rev.

John S. Stone, D. D., be the substitute ; that the second Wednesday in January be the time, and Trinity Church, Boston, be the place, for the next meeting of the Convention.

A division of the recommendations contained in the report being called for, the question was first taken on the subject of the preacher before the next Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. John Wayland, D. D., be the preacher of the next Conventional Sermon, and the Rev. John S. Stone, D. D., be the substitute.

On motion.

Resolved, That the third Wednesday in January be the time of the meeting of the next Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That Trinity Church, Boston, be the place for the meeting of the next Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Convention be a Committee for the publication of the Journal.

On motion,

Resolved, That so much of the reports of the Boards and Committees, as do not relate to statistics and the doings of these bodies, be omitted in the printed journal.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made a report that there appears not to be any such business lying over from the last Convention, now undisposed of.

On motion,

Resolved, That permanent Committees and Boards have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in such bodies during the Conventional year.

On motion,

Resolved, That when this house adjourn, it adjourn this afternoon immediately after religious Services.

On motion,

Resolved, That the minutes of the Session be now read.

The Secretary read the minutes, which were amended and approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now take a recess until half-past 4 o'clock, this P. M.

Half-past 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

After prayer by the Bishop, and the singing of three verses of the 100th Hymn, addresses were made by the Bishop and by the Rev. Messrs. Leeds, Irwin, Cutler, Byrne, and Parvin. The doxology was then sung, and after prayers and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest,

JOSEPH H. CLINCH, *Secretary*.

JUSTIN FIELD, *Assistant Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Suffolk County.

Trinity Church, Boston.

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rector.

THE REV. JOHN COTTON SMITH, Assistant Minister on the Greene Foundation.

Baptisms, (adult 1, infants 22,) 23. Marriages, 13. Burials, 8. Communicants, 353. Sunday Scholars and Bible Class, 130; Teachers, 21.

The contributions, so far as ascertained, during the 8 months that have elapsed since the last Convention, have been the following:— Communion Offerings, \$518.75 $\frac{1}{4}$; Diocesan Missions, \$471.25; Building of Churches, \$573; Board of Missions for Seamen, \$143.84; Foreign Missions, \$186.05; Missions in the Diocese of Iowa, \$69.93; Norwich University, \$200; Education for the Ministry, \$323; Trinity Church Charitable Society for clothing the poor, \$163; other religious and charitable objects, \$41.53. The zeal of the Ladies' Missionary Association still continues, in behalf of the cause of church-building, and of Diocesan Missions. The Sunday Scholars, in addition to their weekly and Christmas contribution to the Mission in Africa, have made a special offering for the Diocese of Iowa. The result of the above particulars is \$2690.35 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Christ Church, Boston.

THE REV. WILLIAM T. SMITHETT, Rector.

Baptisms, 36. Marriages, 23. Burials, 23. Communicants, died and removed, 8; added, 6; present number, 92. Sunday School Children, 118; Teachers, 15; Librarians, 2; and 1 Superintendent. Bible Class, 22. Church Contributions:—Communion Alms, \$44.25; Foreign Missions, \$23; Domestic Missions, \$18; New York Bible and Prayer Book Society, \$8; Fragment Society for the Poor of the Church, \$32; Sunday School Books, &c., \$19.27; Seamen's Mission, \$12; Evangelical Knowledge Society, Donation, and for Books, \$9; American Tract Society, \$5; Young Men's Christian Association, \$20; Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, \$2. Total, \$192.52.

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

THE REV. ALEXANDER H. VINTON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 6. Married, 8. Buried, 3. Communicants, 343. Sunday School and Bible Classes: Teachers, 25; Pupils, 150; Female Adult Bible Class, 70. Charities: Domestic Missions, \$1300; Foreign Missions, \$300; Diocesan Missions, \$500; City Missions, \$200; Education of Students, \$400; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$100.

From the change of time for the session of the Convention, there has been no opportunity for Confirmation in this Church, and for the same reason the charities reported are only those for a fraction of the year.

This parish, however, has not fallen behind its usual measure of liberality, while its interest in religious things, as manifested by the attendance on public worship and other exercises, is more than usually encouraging.

The meetings of the Adult Bible Class in particular, numbering sometimes seventy-five persons, have been interesting and full of promise.

A new, large, and very excellent Organ has been erected in the Church at a cost of \$5000.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

THE REV. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 35. Communicants: added, 5; died or removed, 6; present number, 63. Marriages, 18. Burials, 24. Sunday School Scholars, 112. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$5. Other Contributions for Religious Purposes, \$141.60.

The above statistics, which are for a period of about eight months, are about equal to the average of previous years. No Confirmation has been held in this parish since the last Convention; there are, however, several candidates for that rite, who will probably soon have an opportunity of presenting themselves. The Sunday School is in a very flourishing condition. There are two Bible Classes in operation, one connected with the Sunday School, under the instruction of an excellent teacher, and one which meets during the week, conducted by the Rector. A Teachers' Association has also been formed, which has regular meetings once a month, consisting of the Rector, the Superintendent, and seventeen teachers. Measures have also been taken for the formation of a Parochial Library, which we hope soon to carry into effect.

Grace Church, Boston.

THE REV. CHARLES MASON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 23, adults 4,) 27. Communicants: added, 20; died or removed, 17; present number, 208. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 12. Burials, 9. Sunday School: Teachers, 24; Scholars, 145. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$250; Diocesan Board, \$50; other Missions, not connected with the Board, \$65; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$30; Church Building, \$50; Education for the Ministry, \$100; Communion Alms, \$270; other offerings for the poor, \$210. Total, \$1025.

During the year past the exertions made by ladies of the parish to provide for the temporal and spiritual wants of the poor, have been much increased. Many families have been regularly visited, and among them have been distributed nearly 800 garments of various kinds, and a large number of Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts. Sixty children, connected with these families, have received clothing, and been brought under the sacred influences of the Church and Sunday School. For several weeks past, supplies of food have been furnished twice a week to fifteen families. These visitors of the poor meet once a month, report to the Rector, and devise new means to coöperate with him in plans to improve the condition of the poor, both in a temporal and spiritual respect.

Church of the Messiah, Boston.

THE REV. GEORGE M. RANDALL, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 23. Communicants: added, 24; died or removed, 11; present number, 263. Marriages, 11. Burials, 10. Sunday School: Scholars, 248; Teachers, 29; 1 Superintendent; and 2 Librarians. Total, 280. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$194.04; other contributions for the poor, \$5. Sunday School collections: by the children for Africa, \$15; by the Bible Classes, \$32. Other collections for the Sunday School, \$66.75. Weekly offerings, \$200.76; of which \$22 were appropriated to the Society for the Relief of Aged and Indigent Clergymen; \$37.50 to City Missions; \$22 to Diocesan Missions; \$25 to Oregon. Ladies' Circle, \$35.54. Total, \$551.09. The congregation is steadily increasing.

Church of the Advent, Boston.

THE RIGHT REV. HORATIO SOUTHGATE, D. D., Rector.

THE REV. M. P. STICKNEY, } Priests Associate.
THE REV. ANDREW MACKIE, }

Baptisms, (infants 33, adults 5,) 38. Marriages, 9. Burials, 12. Communicants, 370. Confirmed, none; the parish not

having been visited by the Bishop. Offerings for religious purposes, \$5791. Sunday School: Teachers, 23; Scholars, 125. The children of the congregation have been catechized monthly in church. The number of services, twice daily. Holy Communion celebrated monthly and on every Festival. Sermons preached twice on Sunday, once on every Festival, and, during the winter, every Wednesday evening.

St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

THE REV. E.-M. P. WELLS, D. D., Minister.

THE REV. E. A. RENOUF, Assistant.

Canon XII. of 1853 requires a report to be made for each parish to the Diocesan Convention, on the following subjects, viz: Baptisms, for one year now ending, 78; (since last Convention, 52.) Confirmed, for one year now ending, 10. Marriages, for one year now ending, 37; (since last Convention, 24.) Funerals, for one year now ending, 33; (since last Convention, 18.) Number of Communicants on the books, from 160 to 200, many of whom communicate but rarely. Condition of Sunday School, prosperous. Superintendent, Rev. E. A. Renouf. Teachers, 16; Scholars, 112. Communion Alms and Offertory, \$207.62; contributed for Domestic Missions, \$185; Parochial School, \$75.50; Church purposes in general, \$416. Total, \$884.12. "All other matters which may throw light on the subject" of Church progress. We have received for the relief of the poor the past year, by voluntary donations, over \$3500, which has been expended on more than 5000 occasions. Some of the details are as follows: 17,000 meals; 3,600 lodgings; 2,000 loaves; 1400 parcels tea and sugar; 1500 new garments, shoes, &c.; 490 second-hand garments; besides \$973 expended for rent, fuel, and expenses of sick persons in families, and for burials and various other matters of relief.

As I, the minister, am not "regularly settled," being only employed for the time present, I am required to report my

"other services." They are as follows: The regular services of the Church for the year, 740, (since Convention, 473,) at which have been delivered sermons, &c., 195, (since Convention, 116;) the Holy Communion has been celebrated 26 times, (since Convention, 16.) The children have been catechized on the last Sunday, P. M., in each month, instead of the sermon. On Wednesdays, at evening prayer, an address is delivered on the Epistle for the week, and on Fridays, an address on the Gospel for the week. An address is also delivered on each saint's day. The Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday in each month, and on all the occasions for which the Church has appointed a proper preface. Baptisms are administered on any day, at morning or evening prayer.

St. John's Church, East Boston.

THE REV. JOHN IRWIN, Rector.

During the eight months which have intervened since the last Convention, there have been 10 Baptisms, 8 Marriages, and 8 Burials. The number of our Communicants is the same as at the period of the last return; several persons are, however, awaiting a suitable opportunity to be confirmed, who will soon augment it. On a late occasion, 48 Scholars attended the Sunday School, which is under the personal superintendence of the Rector. The names of others are on the school-register, and there is no doubt of the possibility of a large increase, could suitable teachers be induced to aid in this important sphere of Christian labor. Since the last Convention, \$8 have been contributed from the parish to Diocesan Missions; \$5.87 to Foreign Missions; and \$5 to Domestic Missions. In the weekly offerings which, following Apostolic usage, we have continued, there have been collected, in addition, \$73.70, which has been appropriated to the furnishing of our church, the payment of three years' arrears due from this parish to the Treasurer of the Convention, and to purposes of charity; whilst the ladies of the congregation

have lately realized upwards of \$200 from a sale of useful and fancy articles. This latter sum has enabled the parish to pay a balance of salary due to the Rector, to insure the church for one year, and to meet some incidental expenses.

On the 16th of July last, we occupied, for the first time, our new church, the services having been previously held in the basement. Since that date, we have been slowly but steadily progressing. A considerable number of the pews have been let, and thus an air of permanency given to the congregation. There has been also an increase of persons who attend Divine service, and who, by God's blessing, may be led to cast in their lot with us.

On the whole, notwithstanding some drawbacks, the Rector is disposed to "thank God and take courage;" and although time alone, in his view, will enable the Church to behold in this locality one of her strong and settled parishes, yet even at the present, there are such unquestionable signs of progress and success, that he believes there is much ground for gratitude and much hope in renewed exertion.

St. Mark's Church, Boston.

THE REV. A. L. BAURY, Officiating Minister.

Baptisms, (infants,) 3. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 2. Communicants, about 30. Sunday School, 40.

This parish, though of recent origin and few in number, has more than doubled in attendance on public worship during the last few months, and is still increasing. So that it seems only to require the services of a permanent Rector, with the continued blessing of Heaven, soon to attain a respectable rank among the churches of this populous city.

To the Board of Missions for Seamen :

GENTLEMEN,—It is often said of the Missionary enterprise, that its field is the world. If the scope of our operations is not so large, it is, at least, as wide as the sea. It is not merely to alle-

viate the hardships of the sailor's lot, though that is one, and a very important item of its design, but it is also to reach beyond this, and secure his highest interests. The claims of the sailor commend themselves to every feeling of humanity, and prudence, and Christian policy. The converted sailor is not only a redeemed man, but he is also an efficient laborer. We have long heard of the sailor's evil influence on the heathen mind, but let him be animated by the spirit of the gospel, and there is perhaps no class of men who can wield so efficient an influence, and one more adapted to the peculiar state of uncivilized nations.

The relationships of the sailor give him impressive claims upon our sympathies and Christian exertions. He is connected with others on land—father, mother, sister are linked with his destiny, and whatever affects him for good or evil, reaches over and touches many other hearts.

Their destitution is also a claim that deserves our ardent zeal. No class has been more neglected; and although the day of sympathy and exertion for the sailor has more than dawned, yet how inadequate still to his deep wants.

To meet in some measure these various claims, the Episcopal Mission for Seamen has, during the past eight months, pursued its noiseless but steady course; all the results are known only to Him who knoweth the secrets of all hearts, and who will bring every work into judgment. It is interesting to see men of various nations sitting side by side in the house of God, and listening with deep interest to the messages of mercy.

Weekly visits to the sick and dying at Ohelaea Hospital have been continued, and their spiritual wants cared for. Many of them have died, and some, it is believed, been benefited for eternity. In the case of foreigners who do not understand the English language, it is distressing to see them dying without being able to administer the consolations of religion, and point them to a Saviour.

A meeting for religious services in a private house has been in operation part of the time, and would have been for a longer period, but for the want of a suitable place in which to meet.

The morning congregation of the chapel, during the warm weather, has been larger than before. In the evening it has at times been quite large. Those seamen present have always been orderly and attentive, and shown much interest in the use of the Prayer Book; and we cannot but hope that they will carry with them on the dark waters the words of eternal truth heard and received at the chapel, and *that* truth will be made effectual in their salvation.

Statistics during eight months, as follows:—Communicants added, 6; died, 1; removed, 1; erased for non-attendance, 3; present number, 24. Baptisms, 3; Funerals, 8; all sailors but 1. Marriages, 2. Distributed, Bibles: English, 54; Spanish, 3; Testaments: English, 21; French, 1; German, 5; Portuguese, 24; Danish, 3; Swedish, 5; Gaelic, 1; Russian, 3; Total Testaments, 63; Volumes, 14; Prayer Books, 45; Total of Books, 179; Pamphlets, 1584; Religious and Temperance Papers, 1529; Pages of Tracts: English, 23,312; Foreign, 2144. Clothing, 76 pieces.

In closing this tenth annual report of the Mission, your Chaplain takes pleasure in saying that he has spent a happy eight months in discharge of the duties attached to his work. As the Convention meets four months earlier than usual, time is not given for the full development of the labor expended. There are several candidates for confirmation, and it cannot but be hoped and believed that the exertions made, and the amount of precious and important truth brought to bear upon the heart and conscience, will be productive of good, that eternity alone can unfold. We desire to thank God and take courage.

C. WILTBURGER, Chaplain.

Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors, Richmond Street.

THE REV. JOHN P. ROBINSON, Rector.

Baptisms, 10; Communicants, 80; Marriages, 7; Burials, 11. Families registered, 76; Sunday-school, 20 scholars. For want of teachers this important nursery of the Church is necessarily small. Contributions through the Offertory, \$200.

To seamen going to sea have been given, 238 Bibles, 381 Testaments, 212 Prayer books, 465 volumes of a practical religious character, and a very large number of tracts and pamphlets. Of the Bibles, 156 were English; 10, Swedish; 13, Danish; 5, German; 20, Spanish; 25, Portuguese; 4, French; and 5, Italian. Testaments: 110, English; 22, Swedish; 28, Danish; 10, German; 7, Holland; 88, Spanish; 103, Portuguese; 6, French; and 4, Italian. 270 pieces of new and second-hand clothing have been distributed among unfortunate seamen, and other needy persons.

Public services have been held in the church every Sunday morning and afternoon, and on the mornings of Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Christmas.

Since the first day of July last the church has been opened at 9 o'clock for "daily morning prayer." The hospital has been visited as usual every week.

To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

The undersigned would respectfully report, that, since the last Diocesan Convention, he has performed Divine service and preached at the chapel of the House of Correction, South Boston, twice every Sunday.

Baptisms, (infants 2, adults 1,) 3; Funeral services, 17.

The other services performed by the Chaplain have been the superintendence of the Sunday School, visiting the sick, personal and private interviews with the prisoners, and daily evening prayers. The present number of prisoners is 615.

J. T. BURRILL,

Chaplain of the House of Correction.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.

THE REV. WILLIAM S. BARTLET, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 13, adults 1,) 14; Communicants: added, 10; died or removed, 11; present number, 59; Marriages, 7;

Burials, 15; Sunday School Scholars, 50; Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$10.36. Other contributions for religious purposes: \$5.82, collected in Sunday School for a Library for its own use; \$31.63, Communion Alms. Total, \$47.31.

Essex County.

St. Peter's Church, Salem.

THE REV. GEORGE LEEDS, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 13, adult 1,) 14. Communicants: added, 13; removed, 7; died, 4; present number, 242. Marriages, 7. Burials, 11. Sunday School: children, 120; teachers, 16. Collections since May last: for General Missions, \$178.28; Diocesan Missions, \$88.00; Missions among the Jews, \$18.00; Aid to an infant Parish in Florida, \$30.00; Christian Education, \$25.00; Alms at the Offertory, \$280.37; Other Offerings, \$128.62; Total, \$748.27. Several annual collections have not yet been made. Of the contributions reported, fifty dollars were the gift of the Sunday School children, and eighty-eight dollars of the Ladies' Missionary Circle. Another Circle in the Parish, consisting chiefly of younger members, has been very active the past year in providing garments for the poor.

Through the kind offices of friends, to whom the Rector takes occasion to make this public acknowledgment, the Lecture Room has been neatly and tastefully remodelled under the direction of the vestry, so as to furnish a convenient place not only for the Sunday School, but also for the weekly lectures and other services of the Church.

While the prospects of the Parish were never more encouraging than at this present time, its connecting links with the past are gradually being dissolved in the removal by death of very aged communicants. One of these was buried only a few days since, who had been trained in the church for ninety-three years; who was in the walls of its old edifice when the windows were broken through in the Revolutionary struggle; and who has left

behind her, among her surviving kindred, grandchildren to mourn her, who are themselves grandmothers. It is with a melancholy interest that we record the departure of such, who "had known all the works of the Lord, that He had done for Israel."

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

THE REV. JOHN B. RICHMOND, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 13. Communicants: removed, 1; present number, 73. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6. Sunday School: teachers, 11; scholars, 74. Collections at the Offertory, \$75.

The services of the Church have been better attended, and the ordinances better observed, than for many years previous. The temporal condition of the Parish is certainly prosperous, and demands both gratitude and joy; but, if the inquiry, "Men and brethren, what shall we do to be saved?" could only fall upon the ear, uttered in the full sincerity of the heart, how much more would that gratitude and joy be heightened! We want more prayer, more faith, more love, more zeal, before we can grow strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

The Sunday School, under the superintendence of Thomas Evans, Esq., has received the weekly supervision and instruction of the Rector. There has been a good attendance by both teachers and scholars; the latter have exhibited commendable diligence, and consequently have made good progress. It is to the rising generation, thus nurtured in the doctrines and principles of the Church, that the Parish looks for strength and support at no distant day.

The Sewing Circle has never remitted its exertions, and here we find much of the bone and sinew of our present stability. May the pure Gospel of Christ ever be heard within the walls of this ancient edifice, and may the time never come when there shall not be found a goodly number to praise and glorify the Lord God of Hosts.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

THE REV. W. HORTON, Rector.

Baptisms, 10. Communicants, 100. Funerals, 10. Sunday School Scholars, 80. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$20; Seamen's Chapel, Boston, \$56.71; Domestic Missions, \$5; American Sunday School Union, \$5; Benevolent Objects and Communion Offerings, \$161.10. Total, \$247.81.

St. James's Church, Amesbury.

Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 1,) 2. Communicants: added, 2; died, 2; removed, 16; present number, 38. Marriages, 5. Burials, 3. Sunday School Scholars, about 50; Teachers, 10. The amount of collections for religious purposes, (the account being kept by the Rector) is not known.

The Parish has recently sustained a severe loss in the death of their Rector, who died the 11th day of December last, much beloved and regretted.

May the Great Head of the Church send us a faithful minister of His word, who will go in and out before us, and break to us the bread of everlasting life!

Since the decease of Mr. Austin, regular services have been held in the church by the Rev. F. A. Foxcroft, to the great acceptance of the Parish.

C. F. HOWARD, }
JAS. WOOLFENDEN, } *Wardens.*

Christ Church, Andover.

THE REV. SAMUEL FULLER, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 14. Communicants: added, 3; died and removed, 13; present number, 80. Marriages, 2. Burials, 11. Sunday School Scholars, 70. Missionary and other Contributions: Domestic Committee of the General Board, \$34.67; Church at Chicopee, \$44.27; Diocesan Society for relief of aged

and indigent clergymen, \$17.70 ; Parish Library, \$21.92 ; Parish Sunday School, \$23.99. Total, \$142.55.

Since the last Convention, this parish has suffered by the removal of several valuable members, and recently, in the death of the aged relict of Mr. Abraham Marland, experienced an additional severe loss, as she was a devoted servant of Christ, and ever rich in good works.

Andrew T. Hall, Esq., of Boston has generously given a set of elegant books for the Reading desk and Communion table, and through the liberality of the congregation, the Rectory has received some additions, which increase not a little its convenience and comfort.

Fifty copies of the 'The Carrier Dove' are regularly distributed, which, with the periodical papers of the Domestic and Foreign Committees are admirably fitted to excite and foster the missionary spirit.

The change in the time of holding the Convention has deprived us of our annual Confirmation season, and consequently, of the additions which are then usually made to the Communion.

May the same mind that was in Christ Jesus abound in our hearts, and manifest itself in our lives, more and more !

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.

THE REV. ISAAC W. HALLAM, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 10, adults 1,) 11. Marriages, 5. Burials, 4. Communicants: added, 8 ; died or removed, 3 ; present number, 56. Sunday School Scholars, 50. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$7 ; Seamen's Mission, \$5 ; Offertory, \$45.90 ; Ladies' Sewing Society, \$11.37. Total, \$69.27.

The Rector of this parish is again authorized to report an increase in the congregation.

Grace Church, Lawrence.

THE REV. GEORGE PACKARD, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 15. Marriages, 9. Burials, 15. Communicants: added, 17 ; died or removed, 16 ; present number,

105. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Librarians, 2; Teachers, (males 7, females 12,) 19; Scholars, 108. Missionary and other Contributions: General Foreign Missions, \$20; Diocesan Board of Missions, \$12; a clergyman officiating in Massachusetts, \$6.18; Offertory, \$87.05; Ladies' Sewing Circle, (chiefly by means of a Festival,) \$260. Total, \$385.23.

The past year, like those preceding, has witnessed change after change in this parish. Though we have lost many families by their removal from town, more have come in, so that our congregation is now larger than at any former period.

The Sunday School, under an experienced Superintendent, is in a flourishing state. Its library, having received within a few weeks an addition of 250 volumes, now numbers on its catalogue 556 volumes.

From the time of entering our new church, we have needed a larger organ. No serious effort to obtain one has been attempted until within three months; and that effort, to which the ladies after their usual manner have rendered efficient aid, with the contribution of about \$50 from some friends of the Church in Lowell, has been so successful, that an organ costing \$1000 is immediately to be ordered, to be paid for on delivery.

Middlesex County.

Christ Church, Cambridge.

THE REV. N. HOPPIN, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 18. Communicants: added, 3; died or removed, 14; present number, 130. Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 5. Burials, 12. Sunday School Scholars, about 40. Contributions for General Domestic Missions, \$63. Alms for the Poor, \$160.51.

The interior of the church was repaired during the last summer, and the pews entirely remodelled, giving sixty or seventy new seats, and much improving the general appearance, without

diminishing the grave and venerable aspect of our ancient place of worship. The attendance on Sundays has been larger than before, and I continue to labor in hope that God will give the increase, to our comfort and to his glory.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.

[No Report.]

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

THE REV. T. EDSON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 62, adults 2,) 64. Communicants: added, 2; died or removed, 27; present number, 341. Marriages, 17. Burials, 28. Sunday School Scholars, 250. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$60; Massachusetts Board, \$50.25. Other contributions for religious purposes, about \$400.

Relative to the points on which observations are "expected" by the Convention, the Rector would remark that the state of the parish is believed not to have deteriorated. The figures compare favorably with those of past years for the portion of time which they cover. Ministerial services, besides those indicated above, have been the customary ministrations of Sundays, with services in two Sunday Schools of two sessions each, and an average of three services between the Sundays.

St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls.

THE REV. ANDREW CROSWELL, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 5, adults 5,) 10. Communicants: added, 15; died or removed, 2; present number, 135. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 1. Burials, 8. Sunday School Scholars, 110. Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$25; other religious purposes, \$66.74. Total, \$91.74.

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.

THE REV. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 2. Communicants, not accurately ascertained, from 15 to 20. Deaths, 2. Missionary Contributions, \$8.34.

From June to November, A. D. 1854, I have officiated in this feeble parish one Sunday in each month. The attendance on public worship, together with the church-like appearance of the congregation, encourages the belief that we have not run in vain, neither labored in vain.

The roof of the church has been shingled, since the last Convention assembled, and such other repairs effected, as to preserve the edifice from more than ordinary decay. Internally, the plastering, for years in a dilapidated state, has been renewed; shades affixed to the windows, &c., &c., all which render the appearance of this sanctuary more neat and comfortable than was formerly the case.

The expenses incurred in effecting these repairs have been defrayed, without calling on any man for aid; and the workmen promptly paid.

The glebe, consisting of one hundred and seventy-three acres, is under lease, at fifty dollars per annum. While the land is so well tilled by the lessee, that we may reasonably expect to realize a larger rental at the expiration of the existing contract.

The distance of my residence from this parish, more especially my engagements at St. Mark's Church, Boston, have prevented me from bestowing that time and attention to this missionary field, which its brightening prospects seemed to require, and such as was bestowed upon it the three preceding years; during which more frequent appointments for services in Hopkinton, and parts adjacent, were made, than during the past season.

Could the like encouragement be extended by the Board of Missions to this Church, as is to other feeble parishes in Massachusetts, such pecuniary aid would doubtless be productive of great good, and redound to the credit of the Diocese.

In order that this depressed parish might not be entirely destitute of regular Church ministrations, for at least a portion of the year; and with a view also to protect its legal rights, which persons, hostile to the Church, seem determined to invade, it has seemed an incumbent duty to accept the rectorship of St Paul's, which has been tended me; with the distinct understanding, however, that such official services only shall be expected of me as it may be convenient to render.

St. John's Church, Charlestown.

THE REV. WILLIAM FLINT, Rector.

Baptisms, 18. Communicants, 120. Marriages, 11. Burials, 10. Sunday Scholars, 150; average attendance, 75.

Grace Church, Medford.]

THE REV. JUSTIN FIELD, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 1, adult 1,) 2. Communicants: added, 3; removed, 1; present number, 42. Burials, 3.

Christ Church, Waltham.

THE REV. THOMAS F. FALES, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 5. Communicants: added, 8; died or removed, 9; present number, 76. Burials, 4. Sunday School: Bible Classes, 2; Teachers, 7; Scholars, 52. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$25; General Missions, \$50; Seamen's Mission, \$102.00; Education for the Ministry, \$205. Ladies' Sewing Circle: for General Missions, \$50; for Seamen's Mission, \$20. Sunday School: for General Missions, \$25; for School in Iowa, 25. Other contributions, \$144.09. Total, \$646.09.

The above statistics will show that we have still continued to feel that discouraging effect from frequent removals, to which we referred in our last report. On this account, our congregations have been smaller during the last few months than at any other time since our church was occupied. They are beginning now, however, to fill up again, and we hope that our numbers will at

least be made good, if we are not able to show a continued advancement.

Our Ladies, during the past year, have shown their accustomed zeal. They have earned by their industry, \$250; which they have appropriated in part to the expense of introducing gas into the church, and partly to Missions.

In the Sunday School, in the Missionary Meetings, as well as in other services of the Church, the Rector has been greatly aided by two Candidates for Orders, connected with the parish, whose labors among our people have been very efficient and acceptable. One is soon to be ordained, and the other is, at present, connected with the Theological Seminary at Alexandria. We trust that their usefulness among us is an earnest of still greater usefulness in the sacred ministry.

Norfolk County.

Christ Church, Quincy.

THE REV. GORDON M. BRADLEY, Minister.

Baptisms, (adults, 2, infants, 8,) 10. Confirmed 3. Communicants: added, 4; died, 4; present number, about 43. Marriages, 1. Burials, 6. Sunday School Scholars, 33; Teachers, (male 1, female 5,) 6. Communion Alms, \$14.87½; Foreign Missions, \$3.30; Domestic Missions, \$3.30; Incidental Expenses, \$30.55.

Since the meeting of the last Convention, the ladies of the Parish have held a Fair, from which they realized something over \$500. It is due to those who assisted us, to acknowledge we could not have done so well without their help. For active assistance in preparation, we would return hearty thanks to several ladies who elsewhere worship our Common Father; and for general attendance and liberal expenditure, our acknowledgments are due to the good will of our fellow-citizens of Quincy.

The proceeds of this Fair will be applied to repairing and beautifying the church. Already a handsome and substantial wood-fence adorns and protects our Sanctuary. In the Spring, the windows will be furnished with blinds.

Taking all things into consideration, the present state of the

parish is encouraging. For the last seven months, the attendance has been fair ; the afternoon congregation almost without an exception out-numbering that of the morning, an indication of the interest excited among Christians of other names around us. In addition to the Sunday services, a regular appointment has been made, about a mile out of the village, at Braintree Neck, where generally thirty young people assemble to hear the Word. Also upon Thursday evenings, a lecture on the Bible, or on Church history, has been delivered to small but interested congregations. May the blessing of God rest upon the public services of his Church, and the regular pulpit ministrations, and also upon what has been called "Philosophy teaching by examples—a preaching of Christ from the annals of his kingdom."

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

THE REV. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 8. Communicants, 114. Marriages, 3. Burials, 3. Sunday School Scholars, 80. Contributions : Diocesan Missions, \$118.50 ; Other Religious Purposes, \$63.00. We have paid \$300 for painting the church, have raised \$300 for other parish purposes, and are making arrangements to found a Scholarship for Kenyon College.

St. James's Church, Roxbury.

THE REV. JOHN WAYLAND, D. D., Rector.

No material change has taken place in this Church, since the report furnished in May last. Divine Service has been regularly maintained ; contributions to the various objects of Christian benevolence have been made to the extent of our abilities ; the Sunday School has been kept up in its usual number of teachers and pupils ; and nine persons have been confirmed.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.

THE REV. C. F. McRAE, Rector.

The present Rector took charge of this parish on the 21st of May last, and reports :—Baptisms, (infants 18, adults 2,) 20.

Confirmed, 14. Communicants, present number, 79. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday School Children, 60; Teachers, 8. Contributions: General Missions, \$108.55; Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$30; Parochial Charities, \$76. And in addition to those sums, the last payment has been made on the Rectory, which is now the property of the parish—a beautiful memorial of the zeal of a few ladies, who, in the face of much to discourage them, wearied not in well-doing.

St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.

THE REV. EDWARD L. DROWN, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 3. Communicants: died, 1; present number, about 70. Marriages, 4. Burials, 6. Sunday Schools: Pupils, 40; Teachers, 9. Charities: Offertory, \$55.76; monthly Collections, \$83.63; Domestic Missions, \$33.00; for Sunday School, \$35.00; Education at the West, \$20.00; by Ladies' Sewing Circle, for Parochial purposes, \$50.00. Total, \$277.39.

The Sunday School though small is prosperous; on the afternoon of each first Sunday in the month, the children are catechized "openly in the Church," and a sermon or address delivered, adapted to the mental attainments of the young. The Feast of the Epiphany is also observed, as the Children's Festival. A weekly Bible Class, well attended, is held at the Rector's residence. St. Mary's Parish is united, prosperous, and happy. We "owe no man anything, but to love one another." We have received very signal blessings from the Great Head of the Church; may they inspire both Pastor and People to greater faithfulness in the Master's service!

St. Paul's Church, Brookline.

THE REV. JOHN S. STONE, D. D., Rector.

The Rector is able to report this Parish as outwardly in a flourishing condition. The number of families is gradually increasing. Since the last annual Convention in May, the number of Baptisms has been 10. There has been no Confirmation since

last Easter. The number of Communicants is about 70. Marriages, since May, 5; only 1 burial. The total of Church Offerings and other Collections for benevolent objects, since May, has amounted to \$1,346. The Sunday School contributes regularly to the work of Missions. The Rector generally meets the children of the parish for catechetical instruction once a month, and the teachers of the Sunday School, once a week.

Plymouth County.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

The Rector reports that, since the Convention held in May, 1854, to the present time, there have been, Baptisms, infants, 2. Communicants: died or removed, 4; present number, 97. Burials, 3. Sunday School Teachers, 9; Scholars, 48.

The amount raised for missionary and other benevolent purposes will compare favorably with former years. Our collections being mostly made through a parochial association, whose anniversary has not occurred since the last Convention, the exact amount of collections and disbursements cannot be given.

Independently of this source, however, there has been raised: for Seamen's Mission \$21.23; American Sunday School Union, \$10; Sunday School Library and Lamps, \$60; Tract distribution, \$12; Mission to China, from the Dorcas Society, \$25.00, being their seventh payment of this amount; making an estimated total of \$250.00.

On the eve of Christmas, it was a pleasing incident to find on the reading desk, in place of the well-worn Bible and Prayer Book, new and elegant copies of those volumes; the gift from a young lady who is a communicant of the Church. May the blessing of God, which accompanies the distribution of his word, attend the offering to the donor and the recipients.

The Parish may be reported as externally prosperous. The attendance on Public Worship is as large as for some years past. We continue free from debt. The salary of the Rector is prompt-

ly paid, every three months, as it has been during the thirteen years of his ministry. And could we have the satisfaction of seeing additions to the communion, of those who would adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour, we should thank God, and take courage for the future.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

THE REV. ASA EATON, D. D., Rector.

The Rev. E. B. Palmer has recently resigned his office as Assistant Minister of this Church.

Baptisms, 26; Sunday School Children 11, Teachers 4. Burials, 6. Communicants, 28.

Christ Church, Plymouth.

[No Report.]

Bristol County.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

THE REV. THEODORE W. SNOW, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 5. Communicants : added, 19; died or removed, 18; present number, 149. Marriages, 10. Burials, 14. Sunday School Scholars, 180; Branch Sunday School, Oakland, 60; whole number, 240. Missionary Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$95.50; Domestic Missions, for Iowa, \$72.81; Diocesan Missions, \$27.93; Alms at the Offertory, \$126.71; Other Charities \$185.00; left, by legacy, for objects of Christian beneficence, in the hands of the Rector, by a deceased member of St. Thomas's, \$650.00. Total, \$1,157.95.

In the Report for 1854, it was stated that "since the enlargement of the present church was abandoned as impracticable, we have all felt that at no distant day the enterprise of erecting a new one must be entered upon." During the last Summer, a parish meeting was held to consider the subject. Committees were chosen to solicit subscriptions and to report on the available locations. The sum of between thirty and thirty-one thousand dollars

has been subscribed; the whole amount proposed being thirty-five thousand. The difficulty of securing a satisfactory site, together with the financial pressure which has been severely felt in all classes of our community, have united to bring the matter to a temporary stand. I regard it, however, as merely temporary, and look upon the new church, the object of my earnest prayers and labors, as a promised reality.

As there has been no Episcopal visitation since my last report, there has been no Confirmation. A class, I trust, will be ready when the usual period for the administration of that rite comes round.

The large number of Baptisms heretofore reported does not appear above, as the principal time for the administration of Baptism has generally been at the seasons of Easter and Whitsuntide.

During the month of October last, I tendered to the Vestry my resignation of St. Thomas's, to take effect the last of the coming April. It is with sincere regret that I have taken this step. A residence of eleven years, and a rectorship of eight, have greatly attached me to my people. For more than three of the last years of this period, I have suffered seriously and increasingly from an affection of the throat, which has often incapacitated me for duty, and rendered frequent clerical assistance necessary. Entire rest, and that too for an indefinite time, is my only chance for restoration. I will only add that the unvarying kindness and steady co-operation which I have received from those under my charge will ever be held in most grateful remembrance. May the Great Head of the Church carry forward his work among them more and more to their highest good and to his highest glory!

Grace Church, New Bedford.

[Reported by the Wardens.]

This Church being at this time without a Rector, we are unable to make any report in regard to baptisms or in regard to moneys collected in this parish.

The parish has been without a Rector since early in October,

and will remain without one until the first of February, when the Rev. Spencer M. Rice, Rector-elect, is expected to enter upon his duties.

The parish is now considerably depressed, and both in its spiritual and temporal condition it has languished; and unfortunately at this very juncture it is obliged to raise a considerable sum for the repair of the church.

There is, however, at this time an encouraging expectation of the Divine blessing and favor upon this parish, and its faithful members and friends are resolved to make a united and determined effort in behalf of the Church of their fathers and of their own affections.

Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

THE REV. EMERY M. PORTER, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 16. Communicants: added, 9; died or removed, 7; present number, 69. Marriages, 6. Burials, 15. Sunday School Scholars, 135. Missionary Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$3.50; Domestic Missions, (for the West,) \$3.50; Diocesan Missions, \$6. Communion Alms, \$21.46; other parochial offerings for the poor, \$9. Total, \$43.46.

The condition and prospects of this parish are no less encouraging than in any previous year.

The Sunday School, under the faithful management of sixteen Teachers, one Superintendent, and two Librarians, with the general supervision of the Rector, who visits the school every Sunday, and catechizes the whole school on the first Sunday in each month, has never been in so good a condition as at the present time. The average attendance has considerably increased.

Christ Church, Swansea.

[No Report.]

Trinity Church, Pawtucket.

THE REV. J. S. TOWNSEND, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 16. Communicants: added, 11; died or removed, 6; present number, 64. Marriages, 4. Burials, 7. Sunday School Scholars, 90. Sunday School Collection, \$8.50; Communion Alms, \$18.39; Weekly Collections for parochial purposes, \$56.18. Total, \$83.07.

The pressure in money matters, which has prevailed to such an extent during the past year, has affected us here, as in other places, but we hope, by the blessing of God, that the interests of the parish will not suffer very materially. Since the last Report, a much-needed and beautiful cast-iron fence has been erected in front of the church; which, together with the granite steps and walk-curbings, cost us about \$300; the payment of which is secured by tax upon pew-holders.

We are much indebted to the kindness of the Rev. Dr. Vinton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston, for an excellent benefit-lecture given us on the 29th of December last. The Lord reward him!

I take special pleasure in speaking of the prosperity and interest of our Sunday School, which is ascribable in a great measure to the untiring and self-sacrificing labors of the able Superintendent, Albert Bliss, Esq.

Nantucket County.*St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.*

THE REV. ETHAN ALLEN, Rector.

Baptisms, adult, 1. Communicants: added, 1. Marriages, 3. Burials, 3. Contributions: Diocesan Board, \$2.10; Sunday Collections, \$30.09; Communion Alms, \$9.16; for painting the Parsonage House, \$35.

Since the last Convention the services of the Church have been

regularly held, with the exception of three Sundays. In that time I have performed more parochial service, distributed more papers, tracts, and books, than in any former period of the same length. The Parish Visitor, the Standard Bearer, and other publications of the Evangelical Knowledge Society, have met with cheerful acceptance, and done, I trust, in many instances, their intended work—enlarging the knowledge and strengthening the faith of many. In quietness and in confidence we are pursuing the noiseless tenor of our way—casting our bread upon the waters, and fully believing that we shall find it after many days.

In my last report, I mentioned our want of means for lighting the church. Since that time a gas company has been organized and chartered, and their works are now in successful operation. With a present of fifty dollars from abroad, we should be able to light up our church for evening service; and human nature being the same now as in the days of our Saviour, we are persuaded that many would attend and listen to our services “by night” who do not care to be seen there in the day-time. I therefore renew the request of any one who reads this report, and who has dollars to spare, that he will just give us a few for this purpose, to light himself and others on the way to heaven.

Worcester County.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

THE REV. B. H. CHASE, Deacon, Minister.

Baptisms, infants, 1. Communicants; added, 8; died or removed, 7; present number, 68. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Sunday School Scholars, 30. Missionary Contributions, none; other contributions for religious purposes, including Communion Alms, \$23.15.

My connection with this parish as minister began early in July, 1854. Previous to that time I had officiated as lay-reader for several Sundays. From this short acquaintance with the parish, I feel that I am not qualified to report confidently upon its pres-

ent state and prospects, but think I have reasons to regard them as hopeful, rather than otherwise. I find here evidence of much well-directed and faithful labor, performed by the former Rector; and there is urgent need of fostering care and watchfulness, that what remains of former life and vigor may be revived and strengthened.

The Sunday School, when I entered upon my labors here, had been suspended for several months. It has been revived, and now lacks nothing but efficient superintendence, and the hearty coöperation of minister and parents, with God's blessing upon their labors, to insure its increase and prosperity.

I have not had the benefit of the church-records to aid me in making this report, they having been taken away by the former Rector, and retained in his keeping.

All-Saints' Church, Worcester.

THE REV. A. M. MORRISON, Rector

Baptisms, infants, 10. Communicants: added, 9; died or removed, 8; present number, 85. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 5. Burials, 3. Sunday School Scholars, 44. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$10; Massachusetts Board for Seamen, \$10. Other contributions for religious purposes: American Sunday School Union, \$24.97; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$10; American Tract Society, \$8.54; City Missionary work, \$9.44; Offertory, \$41.43; Sunday School Missionary Contributions, \$20; Ladies' Missionary Sewing Circle for Missionary purposes, \$25.

Christ Church, Clappville.

THE REV. JOHN H. ROUSE, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 19. Communicants; added, 8; died or removed, 4; present number, about 40. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 3. Burials, 12. Sunday School: Teachers, 5; Scholars, 35.

As no report was made of this parish at the last Convention, the above covers the period intervening between the Convention of 1853 and the present time.

St. John's Church, Millville.

THE REV. S. M. RICE, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 4, infants 7,) 11. Communicants, about 65. Marriages, 6. Burials, 5. Sunday School: Teachers, 6; Scholars, 35. Contributions: For Bible and Prayer Book Society, \$11.32; for Nashotah, \$24.16; for Alms, \$52.42.

There has been no Confirmation since the Convention in May last. Several candidates, however, are now ready for Confirmation. A considerable number of Tracts, also several dozen Bibles, Testaments, and Prayer Books, have been gratuitously distributed in the parish.

Since my last report, St. John's Church has been completed and consecrated. The grounds have been enclosed with a heavy and substantial wall. The church is now in the hands of the Vestry, free from debt, and fully furnished with whatever is needed for the decent and solemn worship of Almighty God. It is an ornament to our village, and a monument to those into whose hearts God put the will, and into whose hands He put the means, to "build Him an house," and long may it remain a dear House of God to the people among whom it is located.

Being now, after nearly three years' connection with this parish, about to retire from its Rectorship, I desire to record here my obligations to the officers and people of this parish, who have one and all so unfalteringly sustained, supported, and encouraged me, from the beginning of my labors here until now, and of whose affection and forbearance I have had the most constant and substantial proofs.

Hampden County.*Christ Church, Springfield.*

THE REV. WILLIAM S. CHILD, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 11,) 18. Communicants : added 20 : died, 2 ; removed, 12 ; present number number, 174. Confirmed, at a special Visitation, 4, and one, at the request of the Rector, by Bishop Williams, in Norwich, Ct., making 5. Marriages, 4. Burials, 12. Sunday School Teachers, 18 ; Scholars, 128. Charities, &c. : For Missions, \$47 ; Diocesan Missions, \$55.62 ; For the Parish Sunday School, 38.80 ; Parish Depository of Tracts, Prayer Books, Bibles, and Church Books, \$38.00 ; Communion Alms, \$230.13. Total, \$409.35.

This being a report for only a part of a year, that is, from May to January, will account for the comparatively small amount of the Charities reported, and also for the imperfect appearance which the Report presents. The annual collections for the other objects, usually regarded with interest, have not as yet been taken up ; the Lenten Season being the time when the attention of the Parish is directed to them.

Grace Church, Chicopee.

THE REV. EDWARD JESSUP, Rector,

Baptisms, (infants 8, adults 2,) 10. Communicants : added, 7 ; removed, 3 : present number, 34. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday Scholars, 50. Offertory, \$42.22. Sunday School Collections, \$6.54 ; other moneys raised within the parish for religious purposes, besides ordinary expenses, \$380.60. Of this sum, \$300 came through the ladies of the congregation, by whose exertions the church has been supplied with the means for burning gas.

At the time of the last Convention, this Church was loaded with debts to the amount of nearly \$1,500 ; two-thirds of which was secured by mortgage upon the building, and the remainder was

mostly due for the Organ. Through the generous assistance of Churchmen in various parts of the Diocese, this heavy encumbrance has been entirely removed, and the property has been made over to the "Trustees of Donations," in whose hands it will be hereafter secure from its old misfortunes. In accomplishing so desirable an end, the Rector was kindly assisted by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rev. Dr. Vinton, of St. Paul's, Boston, Rev. Dr. Fuller, of Christ Church, Andover, and by his friend and neighbor, the Rev. Wm. S. Child, of Christ Church, Springfield. He also thankfully acknowledges the kindness of those very excellent laymen of Boston, who so courteously and liberally responded to an application which, with them, has long ago lost the charm of novelty. It is not necessary to record their names here; may they be found written in the Book of Life!

Hampshire County.

St. John's Church, Northampton.

THE REV. JOHN P. HUBBARD, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 3,) 4. Communicants, 67. Burials, 1. Sunday School Scholars, 35. Contributions: Foreign Missions, (Church, \$99.12, Sunday School, \$49.32,) \$148.44; Communion Collections, \$71.23; Diocesan Missions, \$25; American Sunday School Union, \$25; St. Peter's, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, \$10; Virginia Theological Seminary, \$5. Total, \$284.67.

The above report includes only the doings for the past eight and a half months. According to the annual report of the Rector, recently presented to the parish, the total amount of collections for the year 1854, was \$722.57. Of this amount, our Sunday School contributed \$80.53—a very large sum compared with the small number of scholars. Most gladly do I bear witness to the zealous and cheerful alacrity with which this little band has ever responded to my efforts to lead them on in well-doing.

\$1,000 also has been subscribed, in addition to \$1,000 raised abroad; and the contemplated improvements in our church, mentioned in my last report to the Bishop, are to be commenced immediately.

These contributions have not come from the wealthy—our parish is made up of few families, and those chiefly in very moderate circumstances. Since this people has been committed to my charge, it has been my constant effort to impress upon them a deep conviction of their Christian responsibilities. As followers of Him who came to seek and save the lost, I have urged upon them, as their bounden duty, and their highest privilege, the dispensing of Gospel blessings to the spiritually destitute. It is with humble gratitude to Him, in whose hand are the hearts of the children of men, that I record the success which has attended my efforts. From giving little or nothing for this work, they are now, in proportion to their means, doing very largely for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Far from being impoverished by what they have thus far done, they have realized the sure promises of our gracious God—in watering others, they have been watered themselves. One year ago this Church was in debt \$400. Now every incumbrance has been removed, while we have in hand, in money and pledges, \$2,000, to use for the enlargement and improvement of our church. All that remains for us to desire is, that as God has so abundantly blessed us in external things, so He will also bless us with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus.

Franklin County.

St. James's Church, Greenfield.

THE REV. T. STRONG, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 2, adult 1,) 3. Communicants: added, 4; died and removed, 5; present number, 70. Marriages, 9. Burials, 8. Sunday Scholars, 40. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$72.00; Foreign Missions, \$25.00; Domestic Missions, \$37.00; Extra Subscriptions for Ministerial aid, \$250.00, for Music in church, \$100.00; Pew Rents, appropriated to parish expenses, including Rector's Salary, \$710.00. Total, \$1,194.00.

The affairs of the Parish continue in their usual state. The health of the Rector was very infirm during the Summer, and as-

sistance was rendered him by several of the clergy. He is now able to discharge his public duties, but not to the same extent as formerly.

Berkshire County.

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

THE REV. S. BRENTON SHAW, Rector.

Since May last, there have been: Baptisms, 8. Communicants: added 4: died or removed, 2; present number, 70. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 1. Burials, 5. Sunday School Scholars, 60. Contributions: Missionary, \$10; Repairs on Church, \$300.

With a thankful appreciation of the divine goodness, the Rector of this Parish would report its condition as prosperous. The usual services of the Church are well attended, and the interest in those things which tend to its stability well sustained. The interior of the Church is now undergoing a thorough process of renovation at great cost, essentially promoting its beauty and convenience. May the Great Head of the Church make our spiritual improvement as manifest as our temporal!

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

THE REV. ROBERT J. PARVIN, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 9. Communicants: added, 8; removed, 6; present number, 100. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 4. Sunday School: Teachers, 10; Scholars, 70. Church Contributions: Foreign Missions, semi-annual collection, \$68; Extra contribution, in response to the appeal of the Foreign Committee, \$50. Total Foreign Missions, \$118. Domestic Missions, semi-annual collection, \$71; Diocesan Missions, semi-annual collection, \$27.06; General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, \$31.21; Collection for Tracts, Papers, &c., \$13.13; American Bible Society, by Pittsfield Branch Society, \$65; Communion Alms, including special Christmas Collection, \$68.32; by the Sunday School, for Sunday School in the West, \$10. Total of Collections for the two-thirds of a year, \$403.72.

In addition to the foregoing it may be proper and of interest to say, that members of the Parish have actively commenced the good work of procuring a Rectory. They design to build a handsome and convenient house, that shall cost \$3,500, over and above the cost of the land. The land, consisting of half an acre, already secured, is estimated as worth some 700 or 800 dollars. Plans for the house (submitted by Gervase Wheeler, Architect, of New York,) have been determined upon, and the building is now under contract.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

[No Report.]

Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.

THE REV. LEWIS GREEN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 3, adult 1,) 4. Communicants, present number, 37. Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5. Sunday School: Scholars, 40; Teachers, 6. Contributions: Chippeway Mission, \$1.00; Massachusetts Board, Diocesan Missions, \$8.00; for Sunday School Library, \$7.07; Communion Offerings, \$11.04. Total Contributions for Religious purposes, \$27.11.

St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.

[No Report.]

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

THE REV. WILLIAM B. COLBURN, Rector.

Baptisms, (children 2, adult 1,) 3. Communicants: added, 4; died, 1; removed, 1; present number, 27. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 1. Burials, 5. Sunday Scholars, about 40.

This Parish continues in much the same condition as when the last report was made. Though many seem attached to the services of the Church, its pecuniary strength is small, and it may be considered very feeble in this respect. Yet there are some encouraging signs. The congregation is respectable, the Sunday

School has been well attended since last Convention, and the pastor is not without hopes that the influences of the Holy Spirit may, in some measure, have attended his humble labors.

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

[No Report.]

Trinity Church, Lenox.

[No Report.]

Warrnstable County.

Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole.

THE REV. T. BRINTON FLOWER, Rector.

Communicants: added, 3; present number, 5. Families, 32. Marriages, 1; Burials, 7. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$31.00; Foreign Missions, (Africa) \$20.00; Domestic Missions, (Oregon and Iowa,) \$33.00; Sunday School, \$10.00; Offertory, \$18.00. Total, \$112.00. Sunday School: Children, 35; Teachers, 5.

I took charge of the Church of the Messiah, as its first Rector, with but two communicants, in April last. This is a new and untried field for the Church, with many obstacles in the way. The Lord through his divine blessing has prospered the efforts of his servant in building up his Church. The efficient aid of three of our brethren, in holding a series of Divine Services in October last, has had a most happy effect upon the Church and Community. Things present quite an encouraging aspect, and we are in hopes of gathering in a few more who are contemplating union with our communion.

The amount for Missions may seem large for a small Missionary station; the secret of that is, that the Rector organized a Missionary Society embracing nearly all the citizens of the village, and raised the amount by mites.

After officiating a short time at Wood's Hole, my attention was directed to Sandwich, a Village twenty-two miles distant. At their

request I gave them a third service at night, once in four weeks. After laboring a short time I found the field so promising, that I organized a parish by the name of St. John's. They leased a hall for \$100 per annum, and at the time of their organization raised \$150 more to fit it up. We now have a very convenient place to celebrate Divine Worship, with a very good congregation. I have baptized eleven children, and eight more await my next visit. This enterprise reaches a much neglected population, that has not yet been reached by the existing Churches there. One man who had not been in a place of worship for twenty years is an attendant of our services. I have not the least doubt, that by the Divine blessing, and some aid from our richer brethren, they will have a church edifice and become a self-supporting parish in much shorter time than some one the list of Missionary parishes.

*To the Right Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :* }

During our last Conventional year, I have been an invalid, and unable to do any official duties whatever.

Whether I shall ever be so far restored to health as to be able to render any further effective service to the Church, is at present very doubtful. This I must leave with humble submission to the wise disposal of an unerring Providence. I rely with increasing confidence on the *Great Atonement* for present support, and for my future acceptance with God.

SHIPLEY WELLS WILLSON.

Boston, January 10, 1855.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

The undersigned respectfully reports that, since the last Convention, he has continued to officiate regularly twice every Sunday at the Naval Chapel, Charlestown, and administered the Holy Communion on the first Sunday in each month.

Baptisms, 9. Communicants, 15. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3.
THOMAS R. LAMBERT, *Chaplain, U. S. Navy.*

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :

Since my last report made to you, at the annual Convention of the Diocese, my health was so much improved, that I hoped it might be fully restored, and I began again to preach. But after a few experiments, I found the excitement too great, and, as advised by my Physician, was compelled to relinquish it. Soon after, the advancement of cold weather augmenting my disease, I was again obliged to seek a Southern climate, and have found the change advantageous to my health.

It seems now scarcely probable that I shall ever again be able to engage in the arduous duties of the Sacred Ministry ; but, with the ability God gives, it is my fixed purpose to devote myself to the last, in efforts to advance the best interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

GEORGE C. SHEPARD.

Charleston, S. C., January 1, 1855.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :

Since the last meeting of the Convention of the Diocese, I have been employed most of the time in officiating at a place of worship in the western part of this city, formerly occupied by Congregationalists. I have also officiated occasionally in other places.

In Massachusetts, I have baptized 5 infants, and attended 3 funerals. In Rhode Island, I have baptized 2 infants and 1 adult, and attended 5 funerals. I have also married one couple.

D. L. B. GOODWIN.

Providence, January 8, 1855.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese.

After my resignation of the rectorship of St. James's Church, Great Barrington, which took effect last Easter, I officiated in that parish, and in others in Massachusetts, New York, and Connecticut, constantly until the middle of November, when I left Massachusetts for this State.

On my way hither, I preached one Sunday in three churches in

the city of Buffalo, W. N. Y., and once on board the Steamer "Crystal Palace," on the Mississippi river.

reached this city on Monday, December 4th. Bishop Polk, who now resides here, and the other clergy of New Orleans, received me very kindly. I had corresponded with the Bishop, and with the Rev. Mr. Goodrich, upon the subject of a temporary, and possibly a permanent residence in Louisiana.

On Sunday, December 10th, I preached in St. Paul's Church, and also on Christmas Day. This Church is one of the finest gothic buildings I have seen anywhere. It has recently been erected by a parish of which the Rev. Charles Goodrich, who is one of the most useful and beloved clergymen in this part of the country, has had charge for a number of years. Every other Sunday since my arrival, I have officiated in St. Luke's Church, in which parish I expect to continue my services whilst I remain here.

During the last year of my residence in Great Barrington, I had a number of young ladies in my family from different places to be educated under my direction. This I found agreeable; I had many inducements held out to me to continue and increase the size of my school, and also offers of such aid as I might require for the enlargement of my buildings, with the view of establishing an institution of a strictly family character in that delightful village. I, however, felt that, notwithstanding my deep interest in education, and the gratifying encouragement which I had received in the infancy of the undertaking, that the Church had claims upon me in the more exclusive exercise of my ministry, which I could not consistently yield.

The parish at Barrington was a pleasant one to me; I have much to reflect upon with gratitude as I recur to my ministry in St. James's. The continued kindness of the officers of the Church and of the people of the village generally, after my resignation, and their attention to me and to my family when we were about to leave them, cannot be forgotten. It has relieved me of anxiety that the parish has lately received the services of another rector. During the Summer they were supplied by different clergymen,

though I attended to such parochial duties as could be properly expected of me, preaching occasionally in the neighborhood on Sunday evening.

My health, I am happy to say, is perfectly good. For the present I shall continue my canonical connexion with the Diocese of Massachusetts.

JOHN WOART.

New Orleans, La., January 3, 1855.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

I have respectfully to report that, since the last Convention, I have continued to officiate regularly on board the United States' Ship "Ohio," the Receiving Ship in Boston harbor. Public worship has been celebrated, a sermon preached, and religious tracts distributed on Sundays; I have also distributed a number of Bibles and Testaments to Seamen and Marines on board.

Marriage, 1. Burial, 1.

M. B. CHASE, *Chaplain, U. S. Navy.*

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :

Since the last Diocesan Convention, I have officiated almost every Sunday, and administered the Holy Communion on four occasions.

F. A. FOXCROFT.

Boston, January 9, 1855.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese :*

The undersigned would respectfully report, that since the meeting of the last Convention, he has continued to officiate as Assistant Minister at St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston, and that his services in this capacity are included in the report of the Minister. Other services are recorded in the parishes where they were performed, during a temporary absence from the city. Besides these, he has attended one funeral.

EDWARD A. RENOUF.

Boston, January 10, 1855.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese :*

I respectfully report, that since the last Convention, I was partially disabled by an accident while just entering upon an Agency for the American Colonization Society. Meanwhile I have been able to render some occasional service in the Church, which I have given freely when desired.

JOHN WEST.

Bristol, R. I., January 9, 1855.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

Since the last Convention, I have officiated regularly in Grace Church, Providence, Rhode Island. My connexion with that Parish, which has continued during the last two years, will cease on the 1st of March, when the Rt. Rev. Dr. Clark, Bishop of Rhode Island, will enter upon the duties of the Rectorship.

HENRY BURROUGHS, Jr.

Boston, January 10, 1855.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :*

On July 7th, 1853, I received a call from the Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church, Bridgewater ; on September 15th, I verbally accepted that call. On September 29th, I was elevated to the priesthood, and from that time up to the present moment (one year and three months) have exercised the several functions of that office in the house of our God ;—solemnized 1 marriage ; baptized 26 ; administered our most holy Communion on 15 regular and stated occasions ; officiated at 7 funerals ; and preached 137 sermons. On last Sunday, January 7th, all of my Sunday School Scholars and their Teachers, when they came to understand that I was about to leave them, came to me, and expressed an earnest wish to be baptized ; so earnest, that I had not the heart to refuse them, though I was obliged to compel some of them to wait a little longer, trusting that God, in his own good time, will “ turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepar-

ed for the Lord ;" therefore, I baptized only 14, four of whom were teachers. On Monday and Tuesday as I visited the members of the parish to bid them farewell, the mothers brought me their little babes, requesting me to baptize them before I left.

And others earnestly entreated me not to leave them forever, but to come and visit them, until all of them were "received into the Congregation of Christ's flock;" and I promised to try to be there when you make your next annual visitation.

The Rev. Dr. Eaton, in his report to the Convention of 1852, stated that the "Wardens and Vestry were endeavoring to obtain the services of a resident Rector, who it is hoped may be enabled by the divine blessing, to strengthen the things that remain and are ready to die."

As the result of my labors in that parish, for the brief space of one year and three months since that hope was expressed, the above gives but a faint idea ; for when the charge of the congregation was committed to my care, it was reduced, in point of numbers to the senior and junior wardens and their families. The latter has since removed out of town. Besides them there were two or three others. But now there is a regular attending Congregation of some sixty fold, and a Sunday School of some fifty members.

The three past Sundays I held evening services ; and on the first evening, though the night was dark and the roads muddy, I counted an hundred and fifty present ; but on the next Sunday, a clear moonlight evening, the church was full, numbering upwards of three hundred. Last Sunday, through rain and mud, there were present an hundred and seventy-five. Thus with the Divine blessing, I have strengthened the things that remain and were ready to die.

Besides the four who were baptized on Sunday, there are some eight or ten others desirous of the holy rite of Confirmation.

E. B. PALMER,

Late Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

Abstract of Parochial Reports.

JANUARY, 1855.

Towns.	Churches.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Scholars.	Contributions for religious purposes.
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.					
Bury	St. James's	Vacant	1	1	2	2	18	38	...	5	3	50	.....
	Christ	S. Fuller, D. D.	14	....	14	3	13	80	....	12	11	70	\$142 55
Id	St. John's*	C. Cleveland	....	....	....	....	....	127	....	....	....	125	.....
	Trinity	M. Eastburn, D. D.	22	1	23	....	....	353	....	13	8	130	2690 35
a	Christ	J. Cotton Smith	36	....	36	6	8	92	....	23	23	118	192 52
	St. Matthew's	W. T. Smith	35	....	35	5	6	63	....	18	24	112	141 60
St. Paul's	St. Paul's	A. H. Vinton, D. D.	6	....	6	....	....	343	....	8	3	150	2800 00
	Grace	C. Mason	23	4	27	20	17	208	8	12	9	145	1025 00
St. John's	Messiah	G. M. Randall	23	....	23	34	11	263	....	11	10	248	551 09
	St. John's	J. Irwin	10	....	10	....	....	46	....	8	8	48	292 57
Advent	Advent	H. Southgate, D. D.	33	5	38	....	....	370	....	9	12	125	5791 00
	St. Mark's	M. P. Stuckney	3	....	3	....	....	30	....	2	2	40	.....
St. Stephen's	St. Stephen's	Vacant	52	....	52	....	....	180	10	24	18	112	684 12
	St. Stephen's	E. M. P. Wells, D.D.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Seaman's Chapel	Seaman's Chapel	E. A. Renouf	3	....	3	6	5	24	....	12	8	....	.....
	St. Mary's	C. Wiltberger	10	....	10	....	....	80	....	7	11	20	200 00
ewater	Trinity	Asa Eaton, D. D.	26	....	26	....	....	28	....	....	....	6	11
	St. Paul's	J. S. Stone, D. D.	10	....	10	....	....	70	....	5	1	130	1346 00
ridge	Christ	N. Hoppin	18	....	18	3	14	130	1	5	12	40	223 51
	St. Peter's*	W. P. Page	....	....	....	....	....	142	....	....	....	140	.....
estown	St. John's	W. Flint	18	....	18	....	....	120	....	11	10	156	.....
	St. Luke's	W. S. Bartlett	13	1	14	10	11	59	....	7	15	50	47 31
ea	Grace	E. Jessup	8	2	10	7	3	34	....	1	1	50	428 76
	Christ	J. H. Rouse	19	....	19	8	4	40	4	3	12	35	.....
ville	St. Paul's	S. B. Babcock	8	....	8	....	....	114	....	3	3	80	781 50
	St. Mary's	E. L. Drown	3	....	3	....	....	70	....	4	6	40	277 39
River	Ascension	E. M. Porter	16	....	16	9	7	69	....	6	15	135	43 46
	Vacant	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	134	....	....	....	150	.....
Barrington	St. James's*	T. Strong, D. D.	2	1	3	4	5	70	....	9	8	40	484 00
	St. James's	S. Cutler	2	....	2	....	....	97	....	3	3	48	250 00
ver	St. Andrew's	A. L. Baury	2	....	2	....	....	17	....	2	....	....	8 34
	St. Paul's	S. B. Shaw	8	....	8	4	2	70	2	1	5	60	310 00
nton	St. Luke's	G. Packard	15	....	15	17	16	105	....	9	15	108	325 23
	Grace	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	122	....	....	....	121	.....
renes	Trinity*	T. Edson, D. D.	62	2	64	2	27	341	....	17	38	250	510 25
	St. Anne's	L. W. Hallam	10	1	11	8	3	56	....	5	4	50	62 27
ell	St. Stephen's	J. B. Richmond	13	....	13	....	....	73	....	3	6	74	75 00
	St. Michael's	J. Field	1	1	2	3	1	42	....	....	3	....	.....
lehead	Grace	Vacant	7	4	11	....	....	65	....	6	5	35	87 90
	St. John's	E. Allen	....	1	1	1	....	40	....	3	3	....	76 35
ille	St. Paul's	S. M. Rice	....	....	....	....	....	153	....	....	....	140	.....
	Grace*	W. Horton	10	....	10	....	....	100	....	....	10	80	247 81
Bedford	St. Paul's	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	110	....	....	....	....	.....
	St. Andrew's*	A. Crowell	5	5	10	15	2	135	10	1	8	110	91 74
buryport	St. Mary's	J. P. Hubbard	3	1	4	....	....	27	....	2	1	5	35
	St. John's	W. B. Colburn	2	....	2	....	....	67	....	1	5	40	284 67
Boston	St. Paul's	J. S. Townsend	16	....	16	11	2	64	....	4	7	90	83 07
	Trinity	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	127	....	....	....	114	.....
tucket	Christ*	R. J. Parvin	9	....	9	8	6	100	....	5	4	....	70
	St. Stephen's	G. M. Bradley	8	2	10	4	4	43	....	3	1	6	33
outh	Christ	J. Wayland, D. D.	....	....	....	....	....	130	9	....	....	....	48 72
	St. James's	C. P. McBae	18	2	20	....	....	79	....	14	1	60	208 55
field	St. John's	G. Leeds	11	1	12	13	11	242	....	7	11	120	748 27
	Christ	W. S. Child	11	2	13	20	14	174	....	5	4	12	128
icy	St. Paul's*	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	147	....	....	....	118	409 55
	Christ	W. Withington	....	....	....	....	....	112	....	....	....	125	.....
ury	St. Thomas's	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	149	....	....	....	140	1157 95
	Trinity	L. Green	3	1	4	....	....	37	....	1	2	5	40
n	Christ	T. F. Fales	5	....	5	8	9	76	....	3	1	4	52
	St. Paul's	B. H. Chase	1	....	1	8	7	68	....	3	1	30	53 15
gfield	Messiah	T. B. Flower	....	....	....	3	....	5	....	1	7	35	112 00
	St. John's	A. M. Morrison	10	10	9	8	85	5	5	3	44
bridge	St. John's	J. T. Burrill	9	9	15	2	3	139 38
	Messiah	T. R. Lambert
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Church

The Rev. _____ *Rector.*

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N. B. It is expected that the clergyman will make such observations as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish and of his ministerial services during the past year.

Dr. BOARD OF MISSIONS TO SEAMEN in account current with B. C. CLARK, Treasurer. Cr.

1854.			1855.		
May 19,	To balance to this date,.....	\$419 62	Feb. 2,	By collections at various churches,.....	\$685 83
	To Rev. C. Wilberger's salary, nine months, to Dec. 12, 1854,.....	750 00		By collections from various Sabbath Schools and individuals, as per book,.....	83 40
	To rent of Chapel, nine months, to February 1, 1855,.....	300 00		By balance,.....	795 91
	To G. M. Kennon, Sexton, to September 10th, 1854,.....	30 50			
	To Missionary's travelling expenses, fuel, printing, &c., as per book,.....	53 72			
	To balance interest account,.....	21 00			
		<u>\$1574 84</u>			<u>\$1574 84</u>
1855.					
Feb. 2,	To balance,.....	\$785 91			

Boston, Feb. 2, 1855. (Errors Excepted.) B. C. CLARK, Treasurer.

Dr. EPISCOPAL CLERICAL FUND ASSOCIATION in account with J. W. CLARK, Treasurer. Cr.

1854.		1854.		
May 17.	To paid Rev. Shipley W. Willson, per order, ..	\$200 00	May 15. By balance on hand, per report rendered,	\$256 03
" 19.	To paid Richard Dillon, per order, ..	1 00	" 15. Received from Church of the Messiah, Boston, Sept. 19. Received from Christ Church, Andover,	32 00
1855.			Nov. 1. Coupons, Nov. 1, on \$200 San Francisco 10 per cent. bonds, \$10, less 50 cents expense for collecting,	17 70
Jan. 15.	To paid Rev. J. H. Clinch, per order, ..	100 00		
Balance,	.....	14 23		9 50
		<u>\$315 23</u>		<u>\$315 23</u>
1855.		1855.		
Feb. 5.			By balance cash on hand,	14 23
			Invested in \$200 San Francisco 10 per cent. bonds,	200 00
				<u>\$214 23</u>
	By amount invested in San Francisco 10 per cent. bonds,	\$200 00.		

Boston, Feb. 5, 1855. (E. E.) JOSEPH W. CLARK, Treasurer.

Dr. MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MISSIONS, in account with JAMES B. DOW, Treasurer. Cr.

1855. Jan.	For Cash paid, appropriated from April 1, 1854, to Jan. 1, 1855, (9 months,) to		1855. Jan.	Balance on hand from old account,.....	
	Trinity Church, Vandusenaville,.....	\$75 00		By cash received, from June 1, 1854, to	\$190 10
	St. Peter's, Cambridgeport,	75 00		Jan. 20, 1855, (9 months,) subject to the	
	St. Paul's, Nantucket,	112 50		appropriation of the Board, from sundry	1180 30
	St. John's, East Boston,.....	300 00		Parishes,.....	88 00
	St. Paul's, Otis,.....	75 00		Specialty appropriated,.....	
	Trinity, Lenox, St. Paul's, Stockbridge,	112 50			
	Ascension, Fall River,.....	56 25			
	St. Luke's, Chelsea,.....	75 00			
	Trinity, Pawtucket,.....	75 00			
	Grace, Chicopee,.....	150 00			
	Messiah, Wood's Hole,.....	150 00			
	Brighton,.....	20 00			
	Rt. Rev. G. Burgess, travelling expenses,	9 00			
	Bad Bills,.....	7 00			
	Incidental expenses, for Printing, Sta-	17 21			
	tionery, Postages, &c.,.....	33 21			
	Balance carried to new account,.....	60 94			
	" " " " Special,	88 00			
		148 94			
		\$1458 40			\$1458 40

Boston, Jan., 1855.

(Errors Excepted.)

Balance to new Account,.....\$148 94
JAMES B. DOW, Treasurer.

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MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS *in account*

1855. Jan. 1.	<i>Diocesan Missions in Massachusetts:</i>		
	For cash paid as per appropriation of the Board, - - - - -	\$1285	25
	For incidental expenses, stationery, postages, advertising, discounts, printing, - - - - -	17	21
	Bad Bills, - - - - -	7	00
	For balance carried to new account, - - - - -	60	94
	Specially appropriated, - - - - -	88	00
		\$1458	40
	<i>General Domestic Missions:</i>		
	For cash paid Thomas N. Stanford, Esq., Treasurer of the Domestic Committee, - - - - -	-	414 67
	<i>Foreign Missions:</i>		
	For cash paid James S. Aspinwall, Esq., Treasurer of the Foreign Committee, - - - - -	-	1385 09
	<i>Specially appropriated:</i>		
	For cash paid as specially directed by donors, - - - - -	-	2073 15
		\$5331	31

Boston, Jan., 1855.

Errors Excepted.

with JAMES B. DOW, *Treasurer.*

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From whom received.	Diocesan Board.	Domestic Board.	Foreign Board.	Special objects.	Total.
Balance, - -	\$190 10	..	..	..	190 10
Andover — Christ Church, -	18 10	..	..	..	18 10
Amesbury — St. James's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Ashfield — St. John's, -	6 00	..	..	..	6 00
Blandford — St. Mark's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Boston — Advent, - -	..	..	..	..	..
" — Christ, - -	..	..	..	..	..
" — Grace, - -	50 00	100 00	150 00	..	300 00
" — Messiah, - -	22 00	..	20 00	25 00	67 00
" — St. Paul's, - -	153 23	..	404 25	1865 91	2423 39
" — St. John's, - -	8 00	5 87	5 00	..	18 87
" — St. Matthew's, - -	5 00	..	..	..	5 00
" — St. Stephen's, - -	..	..	..	..	..
" — St. Mark's, - -	..	..	..	..	..
" — Trinity, - -	359 25	..	136 05	64 93	560 23
Bridgewater — Trinity, -	..	..	..	..	..
Brookline — St. Paul's, -	136 37	..	..	..	136 37
Chicopee — Grace, - -	..	..	..	..	..
Cambridge — Christ, - -	..	63 00	..	..	63 00
Cambridgeport — St. Peter's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Charlestown — St. John's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Chelsea — St. Luke's, - -	10 36	..	..	..	10 36
Clappville — Christ, - -	..	..	..	..	..
Dedham — St. Paul's, - -	118 50	..	..	..	118 50
Dorchester — St. Mary's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Fall River — Ascension, -	6 00	..	3 50	3 50	13 60
Great Barrington — St. James's	..	..	..	5 00	5 00
Greenfield — St. James's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Hanover — St. Andrew's, -	..	..	25 00	..	25 00
Hopkinton — St. Paul's, -	8 34	..	..	..	8 34
Jamaica Plain — St. John's,	..	50 00	47 50	..	97 50
Lanesboro' — St. Luke's, -	5 00	5 00	..	..	10 00
Lawrence — Grace, - -	12 00	..	..	..	12 00
Lenox — Trinity, - -	..	..	..	..	..
Lowell — St. Anne's, - -	50 25	..	..	..	50 25
Lynn — St. Stephen's, - -	7 00	..	..	..	7 00
Marblehead — St. Michael's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Marshfield — Trinity, - -	..	..	..	..	..
Medford — Grace, - -	..	..	..	..	..
Millville — St. John's, - -	..	..	..	..	..
Nantucket — St. Paul's, -	2 10	..	..	..	2 10
New Bedford — Grace, - -	12 00	..	..	..	12 00
Newburyport — St. Paul's, -	20 00	..	..	20 00	40 00
New Boston — St. Andrew's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Newton L. Falls — St. Mary's,	25 00	..	..	10 00	35 00
Northampton — St. John's, -	25 00	..	..	..	25 00
Otis — St. Paul's, - -	..	..	..	..	..
Pawtucket — Trinity, - -	..	..	..	..	..
Plymouth — Christ, - -	..	..	..	..	..
Pittsfield — St. Stephen's, -	27 06	71 00	..	..	98 06
Quincy — Christ, - -	..	3 30	3 30	..	6 60
Roxbury — St. James's, - -	..	1 50	121 07	6 00	128 57
Salem — St. Peter's, - -	88 00	90 00	88 28	..	266 28
Springfield — Christ, - -	..	..	..	..	..
Stockbridge — St. Paul's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Swansea — Christ, - -	..	..	..	..	..
Taunton — St. Thomas's, -	27 93	..	95 00	73 81	195 74
Vandusenville — Trinity, -	8 00	..	..	..	8 00
Walham — Christ, - -	25 00	25 00	76 14	..	126 14
Wilkinsonville — St. John's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Wood's Hole — Messiah, - -	31 81	..	..	..	31 81
Worcester — All Saints, - -	..	..	..	..	..
From other sources, - -	1 00	..	210 00	..	211 00
	\$1458 40	414 67	1386 09	2073 65	5331 31

JAMES B. DOW, *Treasurer.*

DR. SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

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The funds of the Society now amount to \$8384 41.
Boston, Jan. 10, 1855. (Errors Excepted.)

Appendix.

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in account with ALFRED L. BAURY, Treasurer.

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1854.		
May 18.	By amount of uninvested capital,.....	\$218 59
Dec. 9.	By October dividend on two shares in Massachu- setts Bank,.....	16 00
" "	By October dividend on fifteen shares in Bank of North America,.....	60 00
" "	By October dividend on eleven shares in Granite Bank,.....	38 50
" "	By October dividend on thirteen shares in Traders' Bank,.....	52 00
" "	By October dividend on ten shares in Webster Bank,.....	35 00
" "	By October dividend on six months' interest on city of Bath bonds,.....	30 00
" 10.	By amount received of one dollar each from the following annual subscribers, viz.:—W. Swift, H. Bigelow, W. C. Bond, G. P. Bond, R. F. Bond, F. H. Stimpson, H. H. Stimpson, R. C. Smith, G. L. Foote, S. Batchelder, A. B. Almon, P. Wainwright, H. T. Parker, W. S. Eaton, D. Chamberlin, C. C. Little, P. Oliver, J. Burnett, G. Meacham, J. C. Merrill, J. T. Tarbell, R. H. Dana, Jr., J. H. Dix, W. J. Dale, M. O. Barry, T. Barry, J. W. Watta, G. B. Gordon, G. W. Appleton, G. W. Pearson, R. M. Copeland, G. C. Powers, C. W. Morrell, G. C. Shattuck, W. E. Coale, G. W. D. Copeland, S. B. Thompson, W. Knapp, J. H. Kelsey, G. W. Mair, F. E. Oliver, T. Metcalf, Charles C. Foster, Henry M. Parker, James M. Barker,.....	41 00
1855. Jan. 10.	By amount collected at the Offertory, Convention day,.....	65 05
		<u>\$556 14</u>

ALFRED L. BAURY, Treasurer.

Dr. CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS

1855.				
Jan. 11.	Paid travelling expenses of			
"	"	"	Rev. Ethan Allen, Nantucket,....	\$10 00
"	"	"	Rev. S. B. Shaw, Lauesboro',....	10 00
"	"	"	Rev. W. B. Colburn, Otis,.....	10 00
"	"	"	Rev. T. B. Flower, Wood's Hole,.	5 00
"	"	"	Rev. J. S. Townsend, Pawtucket,.	3 00
"	"	"	Rev. Wm. Withington, Swansea,.	3 00
"	"	"	Rev. Robert J. Parvin, Pittsfield,.	9 00
"	"	"	Rev. Edward Jessup, Chicopee,...	7 00
"	"	"	Mr. Richard Dillon, services, &c.,.....	7 00
"	"	"	James B. Dow, Esq., for publishing Journal for	
"	"	"	1854, in full,	173 00
"	"	"	Incidental expenses,.....	1 25
"	"	"	Balance on hand,.....	176 75
				<u>\$415 00</u>

The delinquent Parishes the Treasurer is *obliged* to report.

IN ARREARS, 1852.

St. James's, Amesbury		St. Stephen's, Lynn
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IN ARREARS, 1853.

St. James's, Amesbury		St. Stephen's, Lynn
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IN ARREARS, 1854.

St. James's, Amesbury		St. Stephen's, Lynn
Trinity, Marshfield		St. Andrew's, New Boston
Christ, Clappville	|	St. Paul's, Hopkinton
Trinity, Lenox	|	Christ, Plymouth
St. Mark's, Boston	|	St. Paul's, Nantucket
Grace, New Bedford	|	St. Paul's, Otis
Trinity, Vandeusenville	|	St. John's, Wilkinsonville
Ascension, Fall River	|	

IN ARREARS, 1855.

Advent, Boston	|	St. Stephen's, Lynn
St. James's, Amesbury	|	St. James's, Great Barrington
St. John's, Ashfield	|	St. Paul's, Hopkinton
St. James's, Greenfield	|	St. Michael's, Marblehead
Trinity, Lenox	|	St. Paul's, Nantucket
St. John's, Millville	|	St. Andrew's, New Boston
Grace, New Bedford	|	St. Paul's, Stockbridge
Christ, Plymouth	|	Trinity, Vandeusenville
St. Thomas's, Taunton		Messiah, Wood's Hole
St. John's, Wilkinsonville		

in account with S. B. BABCOCK, Treasurer.

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1865.

Jan. 10.	Cash on hand,.....	\$ 8 00
"	St. Luke's Church, Chelsea,.....	3 00
"	Christ, Andover,.....	10 00
"	St. Andrew's, Hanover,.....	6 00
"	All-Saints', Worcester,.....	5 00
"	St. Luke's, Lanesboro',.....	7 50
"	Ascension, Fall River,.....	6 00
"	Grace, Lawrence,.....	15 00
"	Grace, Medford,.....	7 50
"	St. Mary's, Newton, Lower Falls,.....	12 00
"	Seaman's Mission,.....	1 00
"	Christ Church, Quincy,.....	10 00
"	St. John's, Northampton,.....	5 00
"	Trinity, Bridgewater,.....	7 50
"	St. Mary's, Dorchester,.....	14 00
"	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield,.....	10 00
"	St. Paul's, Newburyport,.....	8 00
"	Christ, Swansea,.....	7 50
"	Trinity, Pawtucket,.....	6 00
"	Christ, Cambridge,.....	9 00
"	Christ, Waltham,.....	7 00
"	Christ, Springfield,.....	10 00
"	St. Anne's, Lowell,.....	21 00
"	St. Peter's, Cambridgeport,.....	5 00
"	St. Peter's, Salem,.....	12 00
"	St. John's, West Roxbury,.....	10 00
"	St. Michael's, Marblehead,.....	20 50
"	St. Paul's, Otis,.....	2 50
Jan. 27.	Grace, Chicopee,.....	3 00
Feb. 5.	St. Paul's, Brookline,.....	20 00
"	St. James's, Greenfield,.....	4 00
"	St. John's, Charlestown,.....	15 00
"	St. James's, Roxbury,.....	19 00
"	Trinity, Boston,.....	30 00
"	Grace, Boston,.....	15 00
"	Messiah, Boston,.....	15 00
"	St. Paul's, Boston,.....	35 00
"	St. Matthew's, Boston,.....	10 00
"	St. Paul's, Dedham,.....	10 00
		<u>\$415 00</u>

S. B. BABCOCK, Treasurer.

Constitution
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
AS AMENDED
IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1841, 1846, AND MAY, 1852.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Commonwealth, at Boston, on the second Wednesday in June, in every year, unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided, always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop and the assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every other clergy-

man of the Church of whatever order, being a settled minister, or regularly officiating in some parish within this Commonwealth; or being a President, Professor, Tutor or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Commonwealth, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this State, for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this Commonwealth, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay delegate, or delegates, not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay delegate unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

ARTICLE IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they have been duly organized for the space of one year, and during that time have held regular public services, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention.

But in case of vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for by three clerical members, or by the lay delegations from three parishes represented in the Convention; in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article, except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

Canon of 1828,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1849.

Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this State, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual report what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, or of such committee as shall be appointed by the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, namely: to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop of this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several Churches in this State by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies, at least, of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

But no clergyman shall be entitled to any appropriation from the Contingent Fund, unless the parish of which he is the minister shall have paid its annual quota of *one per centum*, or send a certified copy of a vote that it is unable to pay the same. Neither shall any parish, thus neglecting to comply with the requisitions of the Canon, receive more than five copies of the Journal.

Canon of 1844.*Respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund.*

In every parish in this Diocese, a collection shall be annually made on Trinity Sunday, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Commonwealth, to be added to the permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese; and the said Treasurer shall report annually to this Convention, the amount by him received from each parish.

Canons of 1846,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1852.

I.

Of proceedings in the case of a Minister, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise of offences for which he may be tried.

SECT. 1. The mode of presentment and trial of a Minister, for any offence for which, by the laws of the General Convention or of this Diocese, he is or may be liable to be tried, shall be as follows :

Information of his offence shall first be given in writing to the Standing Committee, which information, any member of this Church is hereby declared competent to give. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed to a preliminary consideration of the case; and in their discretion, if they see fit, may make a formal presentment of the offence to the Bishop.

Such presentment shall be made in writing, addressed to the Bishop, stating the charges made against the accused, with specifications as to time, place, and circumstances; and any of the specifications in said presentment may be amended from time to time by the Judge Advocate, as the Court may order; and in case there shall be no Bishop, or in case the Bishop shall be implicated in the offence, or shall be related to the accused by consanguinity or affinity, the Standing Committee shall then

request the Bishop of some other Diocese to receive the presentment, who, upon the application of the Standing Committee, may proceed in the case, and exercise the same powers as belong, or are granted, to the Bishop of the Diocese.

SECT. 2. Any Minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise, of any offence or offences for which he may be tried as aforesaid, may, for himself, request the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry respecting the truth of the charges against him; and, in such case, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry, and to proceed in like manner, as is provided in section first of the Canon.

II.

Of the trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.

SECT. 1. Upon such presentment being made by the Standing Committee, as is provided in the foregoing Canon, the Bishop shall, as soon as may be, cause a copy of such presentment to be served on the accused, and shall also nominate nine Presbyters of the Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, nor witnesses in the case, and shall cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall, within thirty days after such service, select five of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within said thirty days, the Bishop shall then select five, and the Presbyters so selected shall form an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of the accused.

SECT. 2. The Court, thus constituted, shall meet at such time and place within the Diocese, as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese, as they shall deem necessary; and the Bishop shall cause a written notice of the time and place of the first meeting of the said Court to be served at least thirty days before the time of meeting, on the accused, and also on the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

SECT. 3. If, at the time appointed for the first meeting of the said Court, the whole number of five shall not attend, those who

do attend, may adjourn from time to time ; or being not less than three in number, they shall have the right to proceed, in case they shall see fit, to a hearing and trial of the case ; and their decision, if unanimous, shall be as binding as if the whole Court had been present ; but in case their decision shall not be unanimous, the Bishop shall, at the request of the accused, or of the Standing Committee, order a new trial.

SECT. 4. If a clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, the Court shall, in writing, certify the same to the Bishop, and state their opinion as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced ; and it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence, in the manner hereinafter provided. And if a clergyman presented as aforesaid, after having had due notice, shall fail or neglect to appear before the Court of Presbyters appointed for his trial, unless prevented by sickness or other sufficient cause, he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the term of six months ; and if during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.

SECT. 5. When the Court proceed to the trial, they shall hear such competent evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively ; and some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may, at the desire of either party, be requested to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses. If, on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Court may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

SECT. 6. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any material witnesses cannot be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of such witnesses. Such Commissary may be either a clergyman or a layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least six days' notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more

than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness, and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissary, and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Court, and shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such Commissary may be sworn or affirmed in manner aforesaid.

SECT. 7. The Court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be, without delay, communicated to the accused; and the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Court; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused, and any three or more Presbyters of the Diocese, to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend; and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Court of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

SECT. 8. All citations and notices contemplated in this Canon shall be signed by the Bishop, and may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written citation or notice de-

livered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such citation or notice.

SECT. 9. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, or laymen who have been communicants of some parish of the same, at least two years before the time of trial.

Canon of 1846.

Of Communicants.

Whenever the Bishop shall institute an inquiry on the subject of repelling a person from the Holy Communion, according to the rubrics and the canons of the General Convention, he shall summon a council of two presbyters and two laymen, of which he shall be president, to decide upon the case.

Canon of 1847,

AS AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1848.

Of Elections.

The deputies to the General Convention from this Diocese shall be chosen at the meeting of this Convention holden in each year of the stated meeting of the General Convention; who shall continue in office until the meeting of this Convention, next preceding the stated meeting of the General Convention, on the third year next after their election, and until others shall be chosen in their place.

Any vacancy occurring in the delegation shall be filled at the next ensuing meeting of this Convention; and appointments for the interval may be made by the Standing Committee, at a meeting specially convened for that purpose.

Canon of 1852.*Of the Admission of New Parishes into union with the Convention.*

All applications for the admission of new parishes into union with this Convention shall be received and referred to the Standing Committee. And the said Committee shall examine into the circumstances of the party making the application, to ascertain the number of Episcopalians resident in the place where it is proposed to establish a new parish; what resources they have from the establishment of a neighboring parish already in existence; what the population of the town in which it is proposed to establish such parish may amount to; what may be expected to be its probable increase; what is the number, character, and influence of other Christian denominations in the same place; and what are the resources in possession of the applicants, whereon may be founded a reasonable expectation that they now are, or are likely to become, within a reasonable time, a self-supporting parish; and they shall make report of the same to the next Convention, with their opinion thereon.

EXTRACT FROM THE**Canon of the General Convention of 1853.***Of the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time.*

SECTION I. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church, or, if the Parish be vacant, the Wardens, shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his parish or Church, also, the state and condition of the Sunday Schools in his Parish, also of the

amount of the communion alms, the contributions for Missions, diocesan, domestic, and foreign, for parochial schools, for Church purposes in general, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same. And every other Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional services he may have performed; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same. And these reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, may be read in the Convention, and shall be entered on the journals thereof.

Rules of Order.

RULE I. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house; nor more than once, until others desiring to speak shall have spoken.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

Every member who shall be in the house, when any question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested in the question, or shall be excused by the Convention for reasons assigned.

RULE II. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same parish with the mover; and every motion, when required by any member, shall be reduced to writing.

RULE III. When the report of a committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

RULE IV. When a question is before the Convention, it shall be in order —

1. To lay on the table ;
2. To postpone to a day certain ;
3. To commit ;
4. To amend ;
5. To postpone indefinitely ;

and a motion for any one of these proceedings may be considered as having precedence in the order in which they are here named ; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE V. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

RULE VI. Any member may call for the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

RULE VII. The question of adjournment shall always be in order ; and that, together with a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

RULE VIII. When votes by orders are taken, they shall be entered on the minutes.

RULE IX. On all questions of order, the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

RULE X. A question, being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present, nor unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority on the original decision.

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The Sixty-sixth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Massachusetts, will be holden in Trinity Church, Boston, on the third Wednesday (the 16th) of January, 1856, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JOSEPH H. CLINCH,

Secretary of the Convention.

South Boston, January, 1855.

Form of Certificate for Lay Delegates.

(Authorized by vote of Convention of 1849.)

[Name of Town] ——— A. D. 18—.

This is to certify, that at a regular meeting of the Parish of ——— Church, ———, held on the ——— day of ——— 18—, the following persons, viz:

Messrs. ———,
———,
———,

were duly elected lay delegates to represent this Parish in the next Diocesan Convention, to be held in ——— Church, in ———, on the ——— day of ———, A. D. 18—, and that they are stated worshippers in this Parish.

———,
Parish Clerk.

